

## Foreign Imports

What you should know about "foreign imports". Capitalists blame their crisis on "foreign imports", but it is important for the working class to understand the dual nature of foreign imports. (see page 6).

# SUPPORT THE AZANIAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE!

STATEMENT FROM THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS:

"The apartheid regime has been driven to panic measures by the growing tide of liberation of the Azanian masses. They are taking desperate measures in order to escape the outbreak of full scale liberation war.

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**PLA** — November 8th marks the 36th anniversary of the founding of the Party of Labor of Albania. The PLA, since its inception, has tirelessly waged class struggle, both inside and outside the party, in order to safeguard, implement and enrich a single correct Marxist-Leninist line. (see page 8)

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## Dock Workers Build Unity During Strike

New Orleans, Louisiana — On September 30, 2000 workers in New Orleans shut down the docks. The contract between the Steamship Association and the International Longshoremen's Association had expired.

Both the Black and white locals here have militantly joined forces to combat the attacks by the capitalists and the sell-out tactics of the trade union bureaucrats.

The workers are demanding a guaranteed 40 hour income, as many workers are presently only working a 3 day week. They are also demanding a system of upgrading classifications of all work-

ers rather than the present system which makes it difficult for lower classification workers to ever accumulate enough hours to be upgraded. This present system is biased against younger Black workers.

The Steamship Association's offer had no provision for job security; it called for a reduction of work gangs which would involve a layoff of about 30% of the work force; it had no provision for upgrading classifications; it would have allowed the foreman the discretion of whether or not to work in the rain; and it attempted to gain an open shop.

In the face of the proposed attack by the Steamship Association, the trade union bureaucrats called for a selective strike of only containerized vessels. This was outright treachery, especially in New Orleans where only 10-25% of the ships are containerized. The containerized department involved only several hundred workers of the over 2000.

The workers, however, recognized this as an attempt to strip them of a powerful weapon — unified militant action. A dock-wide general strike would cost the Port of New Orleans two and a half million dollars a day. Why would the trade union bureaucrats want to limit such a powerful blow unless they wanted to protect

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## "Amnesty" for Undocumented Workers: A Step Towards FASCISM

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has stepped up its systematic campaign of mass terror against oppressed nationality communities. Last year 875,000 men, women and children were arrested and deported from the U.S. This year there will be more.

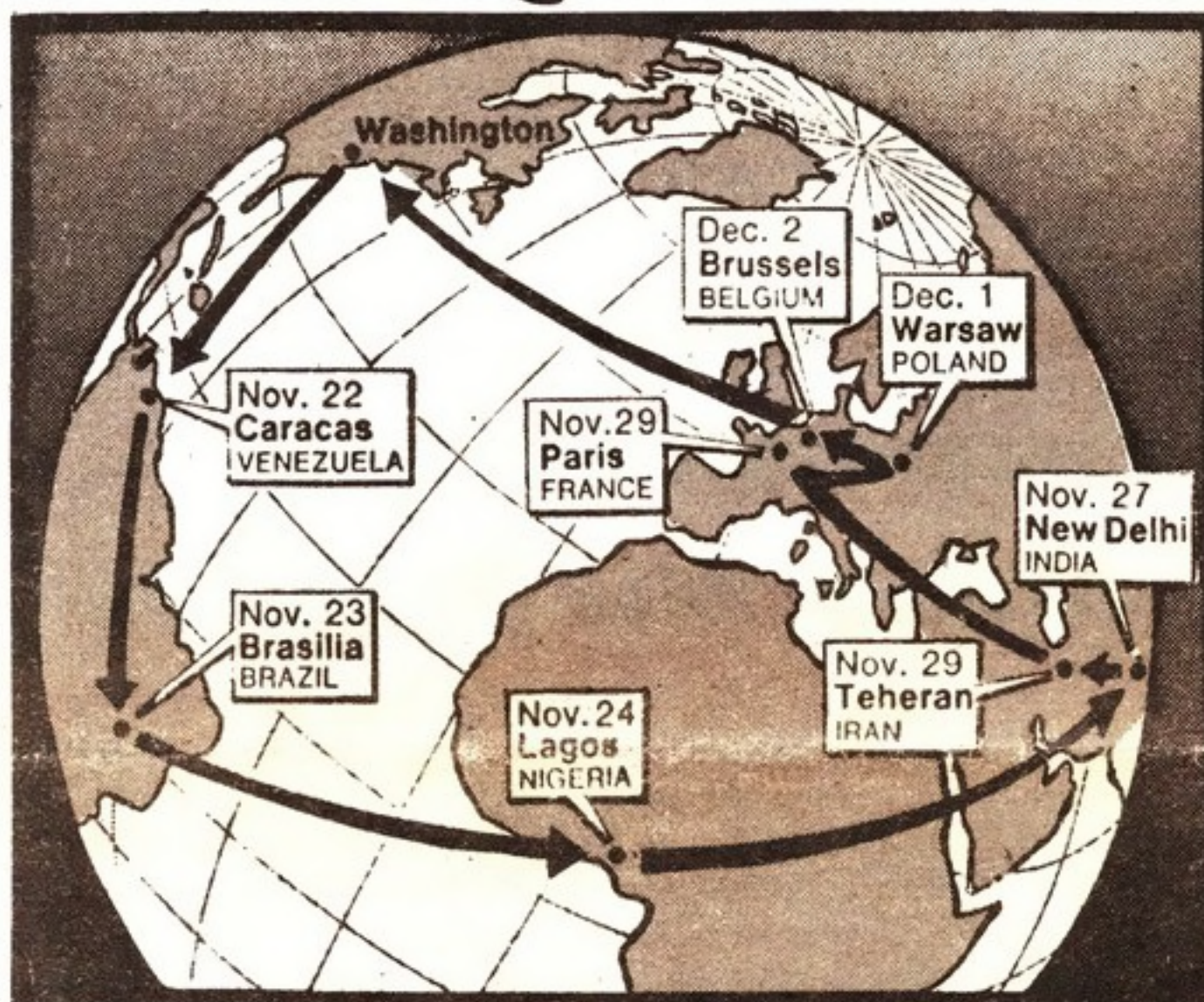
Already, these attacks have surpassed the vicious "Operation Wetback" of the early 1950's when 1,800,000 people were deported in two years, and the 1930's when over a million people, including many native-born Chicanos, were rounded up and transported to Mexico.

This reign of terror has been accompanied by hysterical scapegoating in the mass media. Mexican (continued on page 13)



As in this L.A. demonstration, in 1973, the working class must continue to struggle against the fascist attacks on undocumented workers and build multi-national unity.

## Carter plans tour...



## to Strengthen Imperialist Ties

On November 22nd, President Carter will leave Washington on an 11-day, 8 country, 4 continent tour. On this second trip abroad, he will visit Venezuela, Brazil, Nigeria, India, Iran, France, Belgium, and Poland.

Carter plans to visit each country for specific reasons and with several goals in mind. But despite whatever rifts he hopes to smooth over or deals he hopes to make, overall, the trip points to the aggressive stance of U.S. imperialism internationally. The U.S. imperialists are actively moving to shore-up old alliances, negotiate new deals, heal old wounds, and make new inroads. Though buffeted and weakened by the general crisis, by Soviet social-imperialist gains, and by the resistance of the world's exploited and oppressed peoples to neo-colonial control, U.S. imperialism has by no means given up the fight, laid down its guns, and waved the white flag of surrender. Despite the preachings of idealists, opportunists, and political swindlers, U.S. imperialism has not been transformed from a vicious and aggressive tiger into a tame pussy cat. Contention between the two superpowers is fierce. Both are aggressive. Both strive for world domination. Both

connive with sugar-coated and real bullets, threatening the world's people. Both are actively preparing for war.

Carter's trip exposes the U.S. tactic of recruiting to its side strong dependable allies — countries that offer valuable resources for war production, are influential in their own regions, or are located in key military areas.

The deepening of the general crisis, fierce superpower contention, world-wide resistance, as well as the unwillingness of the U.S. working class to support the imperialist practice of playing "peacekeeper" to the world (so vividly exposed in Vietnam), long ago forced U.S. imperialism to take up this tactic. Today, U.S. imperialism seeks with military and social bribes to maintain allies in various regions capable of playing leading role in dominating their neighbors. This is part of the overall program of increased world-wide domination, and is most clearly the case with Brazil, Nigeria, and Iran, key countries in South America, Africa, and the Middle East. It is with this plan in mind that Carter will depart on November 22, hoping to guarantee these nations' continued service as go-be- (continued on page 10)



## EDITORIALS

### Down with the Fascist Vorster Regime!

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concerned, these measures will only strengthen our peoples' resolve to persevere in struggle. Our own program of launching continuous peoples war has not been interrupted, in fact it can only gain by outlawing existing organizations. The arrest of community leaders, closing down of black newspapers which helped to bring out accurate news about the atrocities in the black ghettos for the resistance of the people will grow stronger.

In the international community, our comrades in arms and all freedom-loving people have a duty to multiply their internationalism in support of Azania.

Concretely we ask:

1. organize Azanian Support Committees at grass root, local, state and national levels.
2. mount militant demonstrations at South African embas-

sies, consulates, and other offices of the South African regime.

3. hold demonstrations against the 350 multi-national corporations which prop up South Africa economically.
4. Petition and telephone the President of the U.S., Senators, Representatives in Congress urging them to immediately sever all military, economic and political ties with the South African regime.

This struggle has already taken a heavy toll on us. It is draining our material resources. We hope friends of our struggle will raise financial and other material support to aid us."

Please send it to:

Pan Africanist Congress  
External Headquarters  
Box 2412 Dar Es Salaam  
Tanzania

The Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee strongly condemns the fascist Vorster regime for its continued brutal repression and exploitation of the masses of Azania. The recent stepped-up measures show the extent to which these fascists will go in order to maintain their exploitative rule. We militantly support the Pan Africanist Congress, and the Azanian peoples in their war of liberation. The Azanian people's strength will only be further tempered by these new tactics of the racist Vorster. The revolutionary people of the world do not back down in the face of fascism and reactionary violence. They grow all the more strong. The revolutionary tide will not turn back for Vorster or any of the imperialists; it has become a raging torrent. Victory is inevitable for the Azanian people.

The American people should respond to the fullest extent possible to the call issued by PAC.

### CAPITALIST WORKING

### CONDITIONS KILL WORKERS!

The numbers of workers that are daily being killed by job related accidents and diseases is steadily growing. Even the government has been forced to admit that one out of every four workers is exposed to cancer causing agents and most of these are unaware of the danger.

This outright murder of members our class must be stopped! Despite the continual demand for safe working conditions, the situation is steadily deteriorating. The capitalists refuse to provide workers with necessary safety equipment that can actually be worn while working. They refuse to install proper

ventilation systems. They refuse to stop using death causing chemicals.

We refuse to die from these conditions so that the capitalists can make a greater profit! We can not allow this situation to go on. We must fight through our unions for the right to have safe working conditions. And, we must stop the collaboration of the trade union bureaucrats and the capitalists. In order to be able to fight to end capitalism, we must ensure the fighting ability of our class. The struggle for safe working conditions is a part of that battle.

**We Demand Safe Working Conditions for All Workers!**  
**We Demand Decent Health Care Be Provided for All Workers!**

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION...

A statement from the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee on the current world situation and our tasks, including discussion of the basic contradictions of imperialism, the correct strategy and tactics of the proletariat and its allies, and the struggle against modern revisionism and the anti-Leninist theory of the "three worlds".

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## THE MENACE OF FASCISM WILL BE

# SMASHED BY THE MIGHTY FIST OF THE PROLETARIAT!



The menace of fascism is once again confronting the working class and oppressed peoples around the world. Not since the rise of fascism in the 1930's has there been such a revival of fascist organizations and groups as there is today.

Around the world the international proletariat has been set into motion in reaction to the crisis of capitalism. The strength of the proletariat is growing and this force is being organized by the genuine communist parties of the working class.

In a desperate attempt to curb this inevitable tide of revolutionary activity of the proletariat and in an effort to shift the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the working class the bourgeoisie is actively promoting the growth of fascism.

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Where there is instability, the fascists promise stability. Where there is high unemployment, the fascists promise employment. Where there is moral decay, the fascists promise high moral standards. **BUT THE FACTS STAND IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE PROMISES OF THE FASCISTS.**

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In the U.S. the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis are becoming more and more visible. There is hardly a month that goes by without these fascists holding a demonstration. Their reactionary terror is continually being used to intimidate and harass workers and oppressed peoples. In the Black Belt South, the KKK, long the henchmen of reaction, have continued their tradition of beatings, lynchings and hate rallies. In August, there was a demonstration in Pascagoula, Louisiana, in September it was in Mobile, Alabama, in October it was in Birmingham, Alabama. Unknown number of Blacks across the South are continually beaten or murdered by these fascists.

In other parts of the U.S. the Nazis and the KKK are also active. UNITE has pointed out in the past about the activities of the Nazis in the busing struggle in Chicago, about the bombing of Black families' homes and so on.

There is no doubt that the rise of fascist activity here in the U.S. is an integral part of the trend internationally. In Germany, according to Albanian Telegraphic Agency, there

are now about 150 fascist organizations that are operating. These organizations publish nearly 280,000 copies of newspapers, magazines and other propaganda weekly. It has now become fashionable to hold meetings of Former Nazis of the Third Reich. Theaters and TV now show films that depict the enemy of the working class, Hitler, as a sensible man and a great military strategist. All of this fascist activity is openly allowed and promoted by the German bourgeoisie. And related to this fascist activity is the current push for legislation that will outlaw all communist organizations.

In Italy the fascist activity has assumed great proportions. There are over 30 fascist organizations that are operating there which are led by the fascist "Italian Social Movement". This organization is headed by a collaborator of Mussolini, Almirante. These fascist gangs carry out murders, tortures, and kidnapping. The Italian bourgeoisie openly supports this revival of fascism by financing the Italian Social Movement to the sum of 3.6 billion lire (\$4.1 million).

The bourgeoisie is actively promoting the growth of fascism because they need fascism to maintain their class rule. As Georgi Dimitrov said in 1935,

"The imperialist circles are trying to shift the whole burden of the crisis onto the shoulders of the working people. **That is why they need fascism.**

"They are trying to solve the problems of markets by enslaving the weak nations by intensifying colonial oppression and repartitioning the world anew by means of war. **This is why they need fascism.**

"They are trying to forestall the growth of the forces of revolution by smashing the revolutionary movement of the workers

Marchers at the African Liberation Day demonstration in May, routed a Nazi counter-demonstration. Fascism is a ferocious enemy of working and oppressed people, but it is a monster with feet of clay.

The working class and all progressive people must immediately take up the battle against all fascists and moves by the bourgeoisie towards fascism.

and peasants and by undertaking a military attack against the Soviet Union — the bulwark of the world's proletariat. **That is why they need fascism.**" (Dimitrov, FOR THE UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS AGAINST FASCISM, 1935, p.7)

When we look at the situation in the capitalist countries today it can be seen that these are the reasons for the rise of fascism again today.

The capitalists today are facing an extreme crisis. Factories are being shut down, unemployment is high, there is moral decay. The world markets of the capitalists are also shrinking. National liberation movements are demanding the right of self-determination and are driving the imperialists from their land. At home the capitalists face a growing workers' movement, under the leadership of Marxist-Leninists and genuine communist parties. All these factors together make the crisis of the capitalists an all-round crisis. And as the capitalists find themselves driven into a blind alley, they are compelled to establish a fascist dictatorship and head for war.

Fascism is the open, terroristic dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. It is the reactionary rule of finance capital and stands in total opposition to the interests of the working class. Fascism preys upon the discontent of the petty bourgeoisie and backward elements of the working class. Where there is instability, the fascists promise stability. Where there is high unemployment, the fascists promise employment. Where there is moral decay, the fascists promise high moral standards. But the facts stand in stark contrast to the promises of the fascists. Wherever there is the rule of the fascists there is repression—the denial of all rights of working and oppressed peoples. Strikes and unions are often out-



lawed. National minorities and oppressed nations are persecuted. And the reign of capital is reinforced.

The working class and all progressive people oppose all moves toward fascism. On October 8th, in Germany a joint demonstration was held to oppose the proposed legislation to outlaw all communist organizations. The demonstration was sponsored by the Communist Party of Germany, the Communist Party of Germany (M-L), and the Communist Bund of Germany. This marks a determined effort by all Marxist-Leninist and progressive forces to resolutely fight this trend towards fascism. This struggle is supported by the international proletariat.

Here in the U.S. there is also growing opposition to the KKK and the Nazis. In Mobile, Alabama, last month the KKK demonstration was routed by a demonstration of community people.

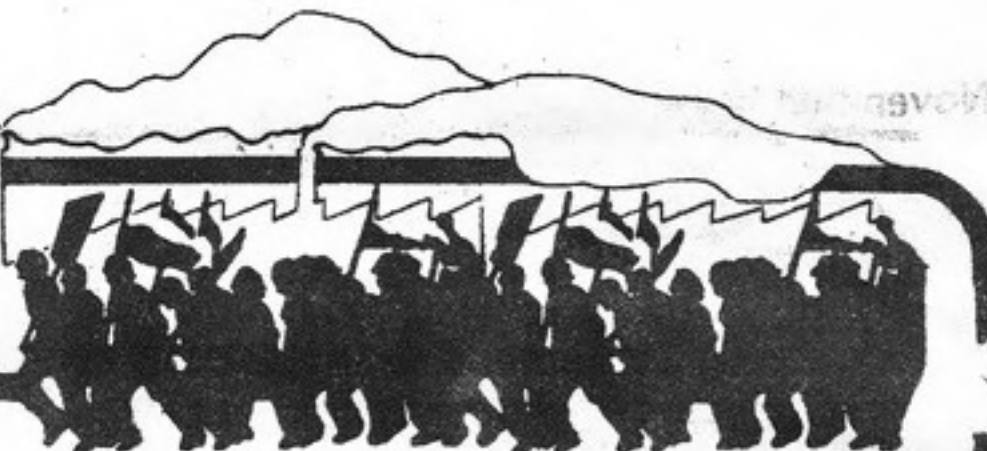
While the menace of fascism is growing, so also is the opposition to it. Fascism is a ferocious enemy of the working and oppressed people of the world but it is a monster with clay feet. The stronger that the power of the fascists grows, the indignation of the working class grows even stronger. It is the task of the working class and all progressive people to immediately take up the battle against all fascists and moves by the bourgeoisie towards fascism. In this battle, the international working class stands firmly united under the demand:

**Death to the fascists!**





# SHARPEN THE STRUGGLE IN THE TRADE UNIONS



## Rylock

After seven months of striking, the workers at Rylock, San Leandro, California, are still on the line. They have stood up to police brutality, assaults from security guards and scabs, and now endless court action. There are currently 70 to 75 scabs in the plant. Yet the workers are determined not to surrender.

The harshest blows dealt the workers are from the trade union bureaucrats in the International Association of Machinists. These traitors have consistently refused to take any action that might significantly change the direction of the strike. They discouraged mass support of the strike at a time when it was critical. They discouraged worker participation in making strategy and negotiating. And they refused to keep the rank and file informed of any developments.

Last July, the police came to the line and began arresting and beating up strikers. Men and women, young and old were thrown down, kicked

and brutally thrown in the paddy wagon. It was no coincidence that it was the leadership of the workers that was arrested. People had seen the company pointing out these workers to the cops.

The trial of the 13 arrested strikers has begun. The company and the police are on an all-out offensive to try and get convictions and jail terms. What is crucial, now more than ever, is the support of other workers. Recently, it was exposed that all the money in the strike fund that was supposed to ease the financial burden of the workers has been going to pay court costs, lawyers, bail, etc.

UNITE! has received the following request from the striking Rylock workers and will forward all donations to the strike committee.

*To workers thru-out the nation:*

*The trial has been going on since Monday and there hasn't been any business agent down at the courthouse! The last time we saw our own representative was August 3rd,*

*and then all he said was "Hello".*

*Donations have been sent to the union hall and we haven't seen a cent except two \$15 bonuses. So please send donations c/o*

*UNITE!*

*P.O.B. 8041*

*Chicago, Illinois 60680*

*Then we'll know it is coming to the picket line. Make checks payable to UNITE! and attach a note saying "for Rylock strikers".*

## Pullman

Approximately 2,300 workers at Pullman Standard Company's passenger car and freight car plants in Hammond, Indiana and Chicago, and 4,200 union members at freight car plants in Bessemer, Alabama and Butler, Pennsylvania have downed tools. The strike is the first company-wide walk out against Pullman since the 1894 strike led by socialist Eugene Debs. The union mounted 24 hour picket lines at the plant gate, but management has reportedly ordered foremen to con-

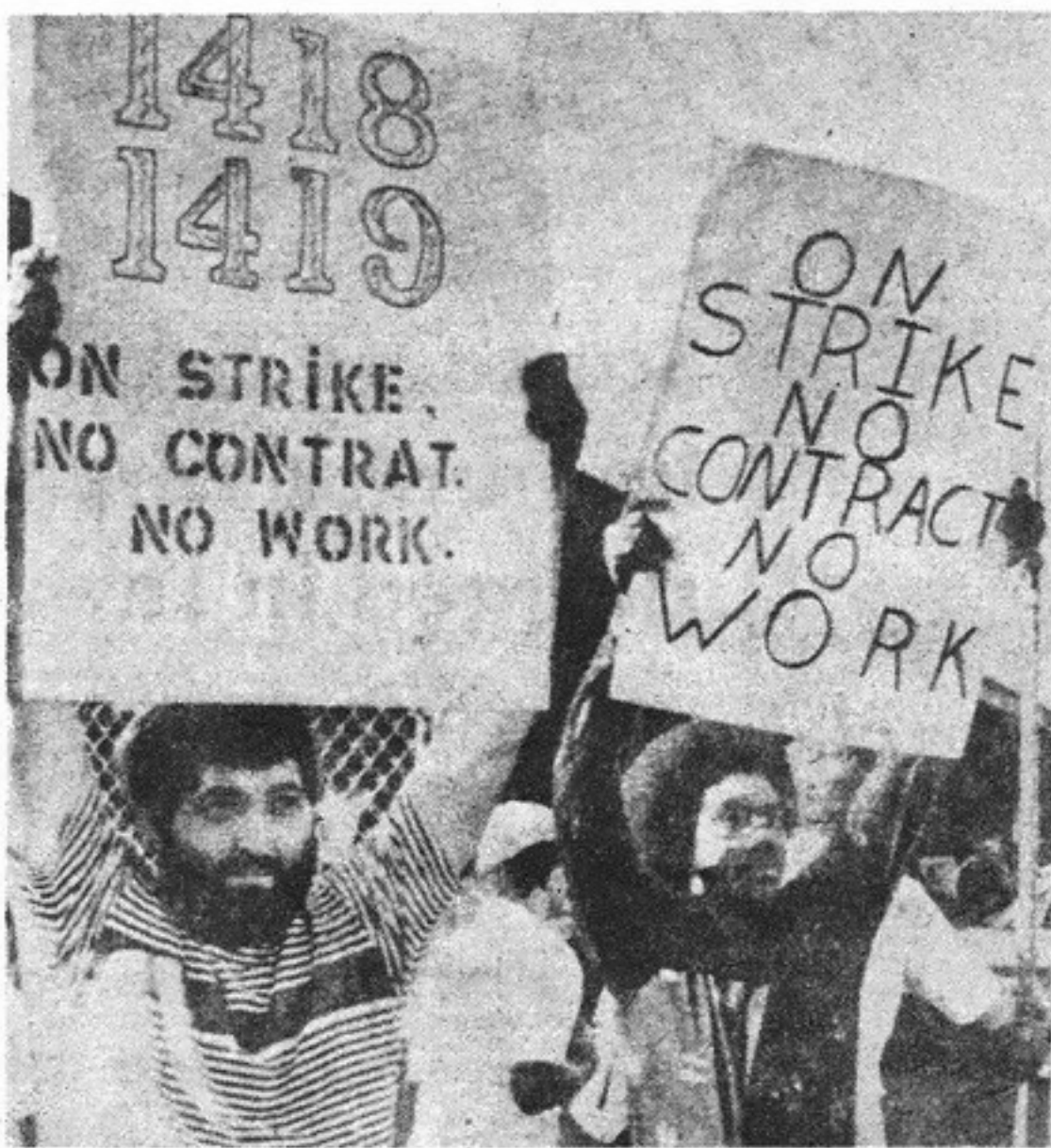
tinue production in the struck plant

The major national dispute is a company proposal to eliminate a 30-year-old contract clause which allows freight car plant workers to strike over unresolved incentive pay grievances. But workers are determined not to give up this right. Pullman is also trying to eliminate or reduce incentive pay with only partial wage compensation. While we see incentives as a method to divide workers, this is clearly a harsh attack on the living standard of Pullman workers and should not be tolerated.

The key issue for Chicago and Hammond workers who are not affected by the incentive struggle (passenger car builders) is seniority rights. Workers at Pullman are still struggling for seniority rights over: work shifts, job bidding, equalization of pay rates and layoff and recall schedules, basic seniority rights most organized workers got years ago. Workers are also demanding improvements in health and safety protection, working conditions, medical and other benefits.

## Support the Dockworkers!

Black and white workers united for a militant dock-wide strike in New Orleans but were sold out by their trade union bureaucrats. The strike is a blow to the system of national oppression because of the unity of white and Black workers through this strike and by the demand for the merger of the two locals being taken up by a larger and larger number of workers.



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the interests of the Steamship Association?

The workers responded to this misleadership in a unified voice, 2000 strong. They shouted down these traitors and demanded a dock-wide strike.

Overriding the angry response of the workers to this treachery, the bureaucrats ordered an end to the general strike and called for a selective strike.

Despite the militant talk by the bureaucrats, the workers know that the bureaucrats have done nothing to build the strike. Not only have

they sold out the powerful weapon of a dock-wide strike, they have also done nothing to raise strike funds, stop ships from being unloaded up the river, nor have they tried to build support from other workers and the community.

The dock strike in New Orleans is a significant battle for the working class. It is a blow to the system of national oppression because throughout this strike, white and Black workers have worked together and the demand for the merger of the two locals is being taken up by a larger and larger number of workers. (Currently there is a sep-

arate local for Black and whites.) In the oppressed Black Belt Nation, divisions caused by imperialist exploitation run deep between Black and white workers. All sorts of barriers to building genuine unity of the working class have been thrown up, like the separate locals on the docks.

This strike has driven the lesson home clearly: there must be only one local. It is only by uniting as a class that any victories will be possible.

Although the dockworkers have been forced to accept the sell-out of the trade union bureaucrats, the growing understanding of this kind of treachery and the resistance to it, represents a step forward in the fight to reclaim the unions by class-conscious forces. The bureaucrats, under the pressure of the capitalists, had to move swiftly to smash this militancy in New Orleans. For in the Black Belt Nation where unions are hard to find, and "right to work" laws exist, these workers' powerful example of resistance for the whole working class is one the capitalists did not want other workers in the South to learn from.

While this strike is just one of many battles between the working class and the capitalist class, it is an important one. In each struggle that is waged, lessons are learned and deepened. In this particular strike, the lessons are the need for multi-national unity and the necessity of having our unions led by class-conscious forces. By learning these lessons, the working class prepares for the main battle ahead — the overthrow of the whole capitalist system.

**Merge the Two Locals!  
Support the Dockworkers!**

## Battle Intensifies at Stearns Mine

Stearns, Kentucky — In mid-October, miners in Stearns, Kentucky, waged a bitter battle with the Kentucky State Police in order to block attempts to bring in scabs. Stearns miners have been on strike for 17 months for a United Mine Workers Contract.

On October 14, the Blue Diamond Coal Company tried to send in scabs to work the mine. The strikers prevented this. However, it resulted in over a dozen miners being arrested.

The miners met that weekend and decided that regardless of any court injunctions, they had to take a firm stand and prevent scabs from going in. The miners realized that the courts are agents of the capitalists. They realized that they can not obey the orders of the courts and still win their strike.

On October 16, over 100 miners camped out by the main picket line to prevent any attempt to send scabs in on Monday morning. Over 100 Kentucky State Police, heavily equipped in riot gear, were sent in to clear out the pickets. But before they reached the main picket site, they were surprised by the Stearns Miners Women's Club. The police convoy was completely disrupted and 5 police vehicles were put out of commission. Thirty of the women were arrested.

When the police came to the picket line, they faced miners who were armed only with sticks, but re-

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# Moldmakers & Bottle Blowers Unite Against Attacks

Oakland, California — Moldmakers of the American Flint Glass Workers Union (AFGWU) have been out on strike since September 15 at over 75 plants across the country. These are bottle making plants owned by thirteen big companies organized into the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), which has forced the strike with its speed-up demand that moldmakers perform "dual-operations", that is, work two machines at once.

Showing a high level of working class consciousness, members of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association (GBBA), the vast majority of workers in the industry, have stayed out, honoring the AFGWU picket lines and raising their own demands.

The moldmakers are labor aristocrats, organized into a narrow craft union and holding a privileged position in relation to the rest of the workers in the industry. But as the capitalist system falls deeper and deeper into crisis, the bourgeoisie has less money available with which to maintain the privileged workers and so it makes take-away offers such as "dual operations".

These are only warm-ups in preparation for still greater attacks on the majority of workers in the glass industry who are already doing, hard, heavy work in hot, dirty, unsafe conditions.

## GBBA Union Bureaucrats Serve the Capitalists

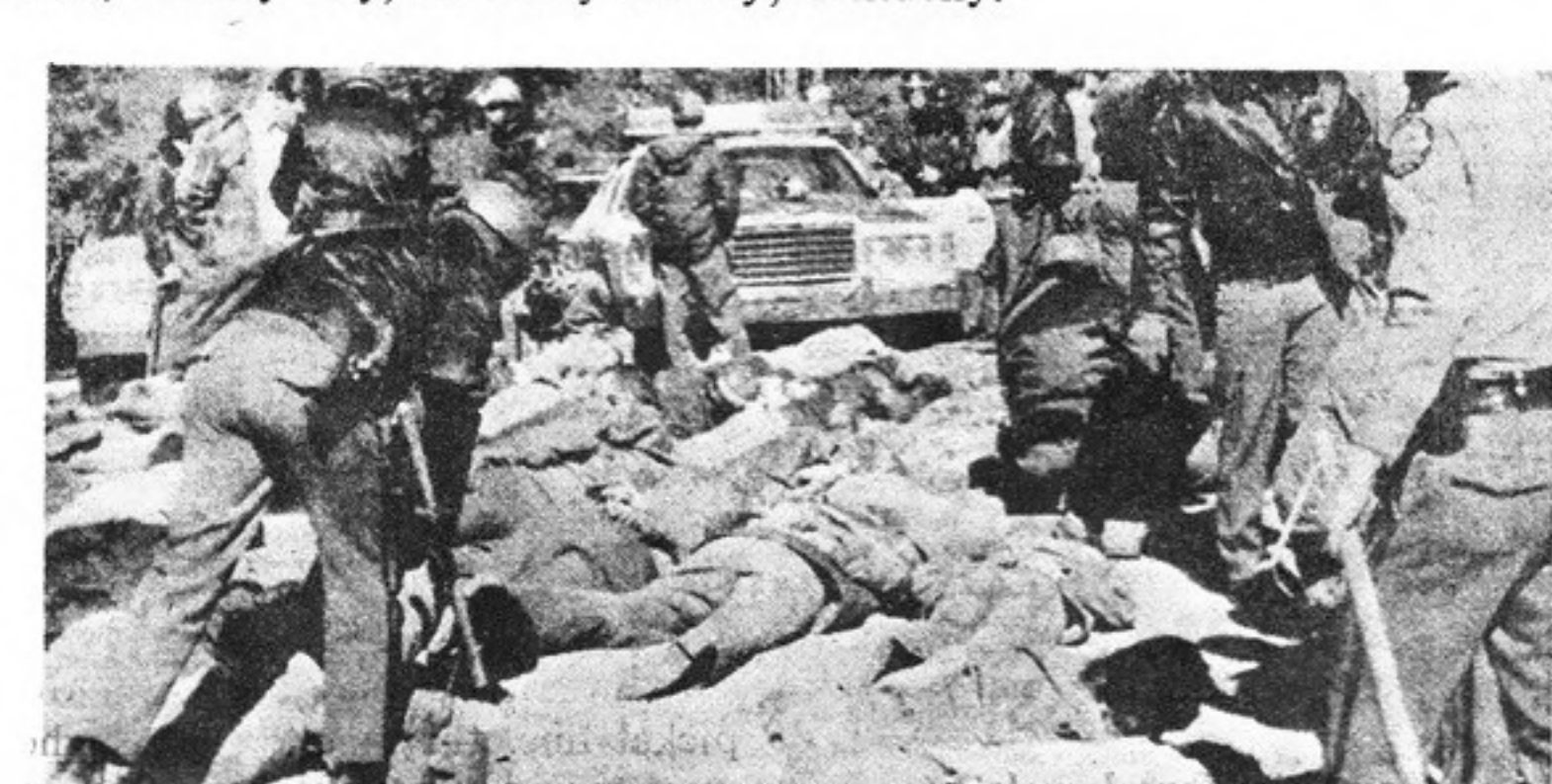
The union bureaucrats who run the GBBA consistently try to block united action by the membership against the capitalists. The "International" leadership, which wrote "no-strike" clauses into all the GBBA contracts, sends out telegrams saying "go back to work" and regional representatives try to convince workers "it is not our strike". In Oakland, the local president of GBBA Local No.155 at Brockway Glass has made himself scarce, only appearing at union meetings to tell workers it's "your individual decision whether to work or not."

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fused to budge. Bitter fighting broke out and 60 strikers were arrested. 15 strikers were hospitalized as were several police. Those arrested were charged with contempt of court for violating the injunction, assault and disorderly conduct. All 90 have now been released.

The fighting spirit of the strikers, reliance on their own strength rather

than the courts, has resulted in a partial victory. The company has temporarily given up attempts to bring in scabs and the court has backed down on the threat to abolish all pickets.



In spite of the brutal attacks of the state (above), including about 100 arrests of Stearns miners and Women's Club members, miners successfully kept scabs out of their mine.



Despite a "no-strike" contract, women bottle blowers (above) at Brockway Glass in Oakland, California, have gone out on strike in solidarity with moldmakers.

## Rank and File Organizes

Workers in Local 155 organized a Glassworkers Support Committee at a mass union meeting right after the strike started. The purpose of the committee is to raise funds (no one is getting strike benefits or unemployment insurance), build strength on the picket line, and lay the basis for a plant-wide shop committee that fights workers grievances on the shop floor when the strike is over.

The MLOC has been actively participating in the committee, raising the level of struggle to conscious struggle of the class against the whole capitalist system. This is being done by not only fighting for day-to-day demands but by consistently pointing out the final aims of our movement, socialism and communism, and the road to get there, armed revolution led by a communist party. The MLOC has stressed the need to draw in outside support from other unions and community organizations, and likewise, for the striking glassworkers to lend support to other workers and oppressed people in struggle, such as the Dawson Five in Georgia.

This correct line is in opposition to an incorrect right opportunist line put out in the committee. This incorrect line tries to limit the scope of the committee to fund



raising, and separates this task off from the crucial task of mobilizing all-around political support. Right opportunism seeks to follow the path of least resistance, bowing to

the most backward tendencies of some workers, and refusing to raise socialist revolution as the aim of our movement.

## Demands

We must mobilize full support for the demands. The two main demands at this time are:

- Satisfy the molders demands! No dual-operations!
- No firings before or after the strike is over!

By fighting for these demands we are fighting to hold our ground against the capitalist attacks, while organizing for still greater battles. Step by step we will put ourselves in a better position to take back the control of our unions and fight for socialism!

**Join the Picket Line!  
Shut the Plants Down!**

## COAL: One Union, Coast to Coast!

While the UMWA rank and file prepares itself for a bitter national strike for a new contract, it is being attacked on two fronts. On one hand the capitalists are stepping up their drive to cripple the UMW. On the other hand the rank and file is being attacked by the social props of the bourgeoisie within the working class movement.

This includes Arnold Miller, the UMW President whose strivings for power have left the UMW weak in the face of the bourgeoisie's attacks. This also includes the leaders of other unions in the coalfields whose organizing efforts extend to raiding UMW mines.

## Fight for Industrial Unionism

Industrial unionism means the organization of workers along industrial lines, on the principle that all workers in one industry should belong to a single union. Examples of this are the United Steel Workers, United Rubbers Workers, United Auto Workers, and the United Mineworkers.

Such a tactic makes it possible for workers in a single industry to wage militant and successful battles against the capitalists in that industry, because workers are not divided along craft lines or into many different unions. However, we must recognize that the main weakness of the struggle for industrial unionism over the last 40 years is that it has never been consistently connected with a program for class struggle.

## UMW Mines Raided

Since the UMW is the largest industrial union in the coalfields, it must be the basis of a single union fighting for the rights of all coal miners. Presently it is not that, and in fact is very weak. Organizing is at a standstill, and has been abandoned all together in the West.

There is a trend in the coalfields which is actively encouraged by the coal operators in an attempt to further divide and weaken the working class movement. Other unions are organizing in the coalfields. Some, like the Southern Labor Union or Progressive Mine Workers Union are company controlled fronts whose sole reason for existence is to keep the UMW out of unorganized mines. Others, like the Operating Engineers, are craft unions who will guarantee the coal operators "labor peace" in exchange for high wages. These unions are being used to raid UMW mines. They are also organizing mines where the workers demand a union and where the operators make it clear they will not "let" the UMW in.

The result of this collaboration between the coal operators and other unions is that the working class movement in the coalfields is weakened by being divided into several different unions. This situation exists primarily because of the weakness of the UMW. It is where the UMW is weakest — out West and in Southeastern Kentucky, that this division into several different unions is greatest. This is also where the capitalists have the greatest control over coal miners. Workers must fight for a single industrial union in the coalfields so that miners fight the capitalists with one mighty fist rather than with several disjointed fingers.

## Southern Labor Union: A Company Creation

The Southern Labor Union was created by coal operators in 1959 and "represents" 3000 miners. Its sole reason for existence is to keep the UMW out of unorganized mines.

At the Brookside Mine in Harlan County, the Eastover Mining Company and the SLU have launched a strong campaign to drive the UMW

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## Zenith to cut 25% of Workforce

# What you should know about "foreign imports"!

Chicago, Illinois — "We are very disappointed. We spent a tough day telling our employees. We'll be sad to see them go." And with that, John Nevin, Chairman of the Zenith Radio Corporation, lowered the boom on 5,600 working men and women. Within one year they will no longer work for Zenith. In the Chicago area alone, 2,100 people will lose their jobs. Once again the cutting edge of the current economic crisis is laid upon the working class.

### What is Zenith's Explanation?

Zenith executives say they are losing money. This is only partially true. Last year they made millions in profits, as usual. But their earnings are declining in comparison to previous years. From January to June of 1977, earnings were \$14.45 million, as compared to \$15.2 million last year.

In an attempt to regain their status as the leading TV manufacturer (now lost to RCA which is more profitable), Zenith capitalists have

demanding a wide-range plan. Their plan is to "sacrifice" U.S. workers, laying their economic crisis in the laps of working men and women.

Zenith is unable to increase sales. They can't buy materials for less. The only way to cut costs and increase profits is to cut labor costs. Their plan: follow the path blazed by RCA several years ago and move their plants to cheap labor markets overseas. Zenith has chosen Taiwan and Mexico. Already they have plants operating in these countries, producing assembly parts and black and white sets. Under capitalism, the owner's profit is made off the exploitation of workers' labor.

### Why is Labor Cheaper Overseas?

The average worker in Taiwan, often only 14 years old, makes \$58 a month. The U.S. imperialist grip on Taiwan, both through military might and financial control, has kept a fascist, anti-labor government in power. Strikes and union organizing are illegal. Taiwanese

workers face extreme difficulty in organizing and defending their rights. And, as a result, they must labor for next to nothing.

As the economic crisis worsens, capitalists like Zenith run to these markets. They don't like to have masses of U.S. workers unemployed because of the potential for revolutionary struggle which arises, but they take the risk because they are desperate.

### Why are Zenith's Sales Down?

Following the hue and cry of other companies, Zenith blames poor sales on foreign imports, in this case Japanese TV's. Earlier this year, garment manufacturers, in cahoots with trade union bureaucrats, launched a massive "Buy America" campaign, urging the boycott of clothing made overseas. Today steel producers lobby hard in Washington and threaten more shutdowns and layoffs if foreign steel imports are not curbed. This question of foreign imports is two-sided.

Competition between capitalists is an essential part of the system. But the real reason behind today's economic crunch is the world-wide general crisis of capitalism. One way in which the crisis is expressed is quite clear in Zenith's case. As inflation and unemployment rise, the working class can't afford to buy the products it produces. Zenith itself pointed this out. They have been unable to increase sales. Their only possible chance is to steal their competitors' markets. By demanding an end to foreign imports, they are attempting to steal competitors' markets here in the U.S.

But the competition is not so fierce as to prevent Zenith from doing business with Japan. In fact, part of Zenith's overall plan is to discontinue production of stereo parts (costing 1,600 jobs) and to buy them instead from Sony.

While competition exists, to a greater or lesser degree in one industry or another, rising up here

and dying down there, the real cause of layoffs is the general crisis of capitalism and not imports. During the 1930's when 35-40% of all U.S. workers were unemployed, there were no foreign imports to speak of.

### What do the "Misleaders" Propose?

With tears in their eyes almost as big as the tears of the Zenith executives, the trade union bureaucrats have lamented the layoff announcement. Likewise, the Chicago City Council took "swift action". What have they proposed? Their best efforts consist of grabbing onto the capitalists' coattails. The Chicago City Council unanimously passed a resolution calling on President Carter and Congress to protect American industry and labor from "unfair competition practices". And, no better, the trade union misleaders organized a demonstration calling on state legislators and Senator Adlai Stevenson to develop emergency curbs on imports and government regulations that would prevent U.S. corporations from shifting plants overseas. The extent to which these demands serve the interests of the owners is clear. Workers at four Chicago Zenith plants were let off work to attend the demonstration. How often are workers allowed to stop production and attend demonstrations?

Stopping imports is a demand of the capitalist class, not of the working class. And even for the capitalists, import curbs, tariffs, and the like are a dangerous business. If the U.S. implements them, other capitalist and revisionist countries will follow suit, cutting off U.S. markets abroad. Wanting to sell more than they buy is the desire of all capitalists. But in order to sell, someone must buy. It is precisely this kind of competition, especially during times of extreme crisis, which can lead to imperialist war.

### Stop the Layoffs!

The working class cannot be tricked into taking up a capitalist demand. Zenith workers must stand militantly together, the 75% who are still working supporting the 25% who got the axe, demanding that they be rehired. The demand of the working class is not "Boycott Imports", but STOP THE LAYOFFS! ★

## THE THREAT TO STEEL WORKERS IS CAPITALISM.

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The USW trade union bureaucrats hand in hand with the capitalists are waging a massive campaign against foreign imports. Using such slogans as "The Threat is Real from Foreign Steel — It's a Job Robbing Deal", they try to whip up nationalist sentiments among U.S. workers. Workers in steel are facing tremendous layoffs, but can we lay the blame on foreign steel? No!

It is true that foreign steel imports are having an effect on U.S. steel production, but to blame the layoffs on imports misses the real target. That target is capitalism. U.S. imperialism is facing a loss of markets, facing stiffer competition from other imperialists, and facing increased militancy from workers in this country. These factors increase the general crisis of capitalism. So while import quotas may slightly alleviate the crisis facing the capitalists, temporarily, quotas will not solve the real problem that faces the working class. Our problem is the capitalist system. Our solution is socialist revolution.

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out. The UMW waged a bitter struggle to organize that mine in 1973-74 but that is all now threatened. Company harassment, in the form of repeated layoffs of militant UMW supporters and by intentionally aggravating safety problems, has laid the basis for the SLU to raid at Brookside.

In the nearby Stearns strike, the Blue Diamond Coal Company has tried to use the SLU to break the UMW organizing effort. That attempt has failed because of the militancy of the Stearns strikers. Fifty strikers recently attempted to storm the SLU headquarters because of SLU interference in their strike.

The SLU must be completely exposed as a company union working hand in hand with the capitalists. The price of working in an SLU mine is unsafe working conditions and no protection from company bosses. The SLU must be driven from the coalfields.

### West: Other Unions

Recently, the Operating Engineers have been organizing the large strip mines in the West. This union has traditionally represented heavy machine operators at construction sites and is moving to represent workers at heavily mechanized strip mines. Organized as a craft union, its contracts usually call for high

wages in return for "labor peace."

Other unions currently either raiding UMW mines and/or organizing new mines include the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Texas, the Teamsters in Alaska, and the Progressive Mine Workers in Illinois, Montana, and Wyoming. The Progressive Mine Workers was formed in the 1930's when it split from the UMW in protest against the dictatorial policies of John L. Lewis. Since then it has operated as little more than a company union.

### Fight Divisions in the Working Class

The representation of coal miners by several different unions object-

ively assists the capitalists in their desire to cripple the UMW and have a "stable" workforce in the coalfields. This situation makes a united struggle even within a single industry difficult.

In the long run, the UMW must become the basis of a genuine program for class struggle in the coalfields. The first step is to demand and fight for the representation of workers by one union, the UMW. This is the only way miners can both consistently protect themselves against the attacks of the capitalists and also launch an offensive against the capitalists.

Stand with the Miners!

Defend the UMW!



## The Working Class Looks at the Military...

# Women's Oppression



Male chauvinism is bourgeois ideology resulting from the oppression of women under class society. It is fostered by the capitalist class today as a means of maintaining the imperialist system by dividing the working class. Within the military, male chauvinism is used as a means of keeping our "fighting men" ready and willing to fight.

It is common for new recruits to be told, "If we wanted you to have a wife, we would have issued you one." This is done at a time when men are young and have been subjected to all the most decadent and reactionary aspects of imperialist culture without having had enough experience to see through the lies they are told. Basic training and the subsequent life of young recruits plays into all of their most backward prejudices concerning women — on the one hand, that they are to be used and exploited by the "virile" young men; on the other, that they are to be protected from the threat of foreign enemies.

Men, particularly when they are overseas, are held responsible for their wives' (called by the military "dependents") behavior. If a woman gets a traffic ticket overseas, it goes on her husband's record. Any unorthodox action on her part will bring repercussions on her husband, including punishment for failure to keep her in line. Even if a woman accompanies her husband

overseas by paying her own way, she can be forced back to the U.S. over her and her husband's objections if a commanding officer determines that she is disruptive. Among the Marines, the most "macho" of the services, wives are strictly prohibited for more than 60 days if a man has an overseas tour of duty for thirteen months or less. Men are told directly that prostitutes will adequately serve any purpose a wife would serve.

Outside of literally every base in an oppressed nation, from the Black Belt Nation to Asia, and outside most bases around the world, there is a bar section built to serve enlisted men. The bars serve alcohol and female companionship, both at an extremely high price. There are both prostitutes and "hostesses". Prostitution encourages contempt for women. The hostesses, however, breed antipathy and resentment.

Bar hostesses sit and talk to GI's, and titillate them sexually and pressure them into buying drinks. GI's have been known to spend their entire paycheck on liquor and prostitution.

The military

promotes the view that these women, usually of oppressed nationalities, are vultures out to exploit GI's. It says nothing of the conditions forcing the women into these degrading positions and nothing of the imperialist system that causes those conditions.

The military, through these policies, creates conditions which lead to antagonism between husband and wife and men and women, by encouraging a situation where a man attempts to be the boss in a household. Many women feel they must get their husband's permission before accepting literature from organizers. The story is told of a Navy petty officer (part of the labor aristocracy within the military), who conducted inspections of his wife and children, and insisted they call him "Chief".

Women within the military are kept in "traditional" women's jobs such as nursing, secretarial jobs or other clerical occupations. Their primary duty is to be as attractive as possible. In fact, Army regulations have provided that women's skirts may be shorter if they have attractive legs.

It is taken as a given that women

are incapable of participating in combat. This last point is one which pervades our society. It is used as a basis for opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, with the claim that passage of the ERA will force women to fight. It is taken as given among military personnel that, no matter what, women cannot fight. No matter that women fighters of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, the National Liberation Front in Vietnam, the Chinese People's Liberation Army and all other liberation struggles have proven their ability in combat when it is a just war.

All of this is done to perpetuate the belief that women are inferior to men, and to prevent them from joining together against their real, common enemies — the monopoly capitalist class and the imperialist system.

Once enlisted men in the military, and the entire multi-national working class, recognize the firm basis of solidarity they have with women, both sexes together will constitute a fighting force that will topple the rule of the bourgeoisie forever. This will then provide the basis for the end of women's oppression.★

## IS NATIONAL CHAUVINISM OUT OF SPORTS?



... from three young correspondents.

Chicago, Illinois — It may seem to you that Blacks already dominate the three major sports, baseball, basketball and football. There is, for example, Dr. J., a star forward for the Philadelphia 76ers. There is O.J. Simpson who has rushed for over 13,000 yards. And finally, there is Hank Aaron who has hit 755 life time home runs surpassing Babe Ruth.

All of these players are outstanding in their field of sports. So you might think that there is no national chauvinism in sports. But right here in Chicago there is chauvinism. There is the case of

Oscar Gamble, a Black, consistent hitting outfielder for the White Sox. Gamble, however, is seldom allowed to play because there is a white player who plays this spot and the majority of the fans are white.

James Harris, a 31 year old Black quarterback for the Los Angeles Ram has been traded to the San Diego Chargers to make room for Joe Namath, a 38 year old white quarterback. So far this season, Harris has led his new team to a 3-1 record, while Namath led his team to a 2-2 record. In addition,

the Rams lost to two rebuilding teams, the Atlanta Falcons and the Chicago Bears. Even though Harris is better than Namath, Black quarterbacks are consistently forced to play other positions or traded off to make room for white quarterbacks.

### Overworked to the Bone

Let's look into the case of Gale Sayers. Gale Sayers was one of the best halfbacks in history. But, at the same time he is 38 years old and can barely walk. The head

coach of the late 60's Bears made Sayers work extremely hard. Sayers would return kick-offs and punts; he would carry the ball 25 to 40 times a game and hardly rest. Why did Sayers do so much? He did this because when a Black player can do several things well, the coach pushes him in all areas at the same time. This completely uses up the health of the player in a short period of time.

In summation, we have discussed three cases of national chauvinism in sports. We know there are thousands of other cases that involve other nationalities, as well. National chauvinism in sports is a reflection of national oppression in capitalist society as a whole. The bourgeoisie promotes the idea that "politics don't belong in sports", and they build up huge spectacles like the "World Series", the "Stanley Cup" or the NBA championship series, to try to keep the masses occupied with these activities rather than the struggles of the working class. Wherever there is national oppression, or class exploitation, it will be fought, including in sports.★





# Congratulations to the Party of Albania on the 36th Anniversary

**N**ovember 8th marks the 36th anniversary of the Party of Labor of Albania. This anniversary marks 36 years of consistent and correct leadership of this party, not only to the working class of Albania, but also to the world's people. This past year has once again found the Party of Labor of Albania coming forward with the clear light of Marxism-Leninism to cut through the confusion caused by opportunist theories, like the "theory of the three worlds". Today, Albania has won sympathy and support throughout the world, because from Albania comes the word and voice of the working class, Marxism-Leninism.

On November 8, 1941 in a small house in Tirana, the Party of Labor of Albania (PLA) was formed. Albania at that time was overrun by the fascist occupation. The Party, under the leadership of Comrade Enver Hoxha, took up the great responsibility of leading the people in bitter battle against the Italian and German fascists, as well as traitors to the country.

On November 28, 1944, all of the territory of Albania was liberated and state power was seized by the working class. This began the glorious period of socialist construction in Albania.

After liberation the Party was faced by new and even more difficult tasks. Albania for centuries had been kept backward by the imperialists. Poverty, exploitation, illiteracy and backward superstitions prevailed. It was now the task of the Albanian peoples, led by their Party, to transform Albania into a modern country with an advanced socialist economy and culture.

Today, in Albania, exploitation of man by man has been abolished. Up-to-date socialist industry has been established in many branches such as mining, oil extraction, steel production, chemicals and textiles, among others. The full electrification of the country was completed in 1970. Agricultural production has increased three fold and has been placed on a socialist basis. In Albania, taxes have been abolished. Medical care is free of charge, an advanced network of schools has been set up, the well-being of the masses of people is constantly improving.

How in a small country has all of this been accomplished? The answer lays in the strength and correctness of the line of the PLA and the party's relationship to the masses in Albania.

## Socialism is Built by the Masses The Party Makes them Conscious

This is a principle that has guided the Party of Labor of Albania in leading the masses of Albania in their revolutionary war of liberation and in socialist construction. From the beginning, the PLA knew that to be the genuine vanguard of the working class meant that the Party had to be in the forefront of

struggle and work. This means that the majority of the Party members work in production where they are in the forefront of work and sacrifice, setting their example in all directions.

The PLA has consistently recognized the importance of bringing workers into all state institutions and positions of leadership, so that the rule of the working class is ensured and bureaucracy is smashed.

By following this guiding principle, the Party of Labor of Albania has correctly grasped the idea that it is the majority that builds socialism.

## The PLA Has Always Pursued A Single Marxist-Leninist Line

One of the main reasons that the PLA has been able to successfully lead the people of Albania in struggle is because the Party has never allowed the existence of any other line in the Party other than a correct Marxist-Leninist line.

The PLA has tirelessly waged struggle both inside and outside of the Party against enemies and anti-Marxist views, against violations and distortions of the Party directives, and against shortcomings and errors. This struggle has been waged in order to safeguard, implement and to enrich a single correct line of revolution and to strengthen and preserve the proletarian unity of the Party.

"In the Soviet Union, the leadership of the working class and the socialist order were eliminated precisely because the application of Marxism-Leninism was abandoned. The proletarian class struggle was allowed to die down, the working class was all bought out and robbed of its leadership... and power. This only goes to show the great and mortal dangers which threaten the leadership of the working class and the socialist order at every step, the possibility of this leadership and this order if it does not remain loyal to Marxism-Leninism, does not apply its principles with determination and in a creative way, and does not wage the class struggle ceaselessly and with revolutionary methods. Our experience of the socialist construction not only shows the superficial nature of the anti-communist conclusions which are drawn from the negative experience of the Soviet Union, but also proves completely the correctness of the Marxist-Leninist theory on the hegemonic role of the working class and the class struggle. The leading role of the working class has always been and still is the very essence of the policy of our Party. It has ensured this role through the implementation of its proletarian ideology and political line." (Some Basic Questions of Revolutionary Policy of the Party of Labor of Albania on the Development of the Class Struggle, aired on Radio Tirana, Tirana, August 16-17, 1977.)



Albanian photo

"Socialism is built by the masses, the party makes them conscious."  
Enver Hoxha.

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In this period the Soviet government faced the difficult task of socialist industrialization. There were 3 main problems that needed solutions: re-equip the factories with up-to-date machinery; build machine-building plants; and tip the scales in favor of heavy industry rather than light industry.

The funds for this industrialization had to be found inside the country, for, unlike capitalist countries, the Soviet state did not derive enormous amounts of capital from the exploitation of colonies. The profits from the state-owned mills, from the means of transportation, and from the trade and banks now went to the further expansion of heavy industry.

The industrial sector of the economy was growing rapidly but there were major problems in agriculture that demanded immediate attention. Production was way below the pre-war level. Farming was still based on small-scale farms.

Comrade Stalin emphasized the need to gradually unite the small peasant farms into large-scale cooperative farms through persuasion and not by pressure. At the Sixteenth Party Congress in 1929, the first Five Year Plan was adopted. It was a tremendous plan that called for the equipping of both agriculture and industry with modern techniques on the basis of

socialism. This plan had been preceded by a wave of enthusiasm by workers and peasants. In many factories workers and collective farmers drew up counter plans that exceeded its proposal for output. Socialist emulation had produced many such examples of outstanding labor and a new attitude towards labor had developed. From involuntary servitude under capitalism, labor had become a matter of honor, a matter of heroism.

The results of socialist construction saw growth unknown before in history. Never before had there been such enthusiasm for development or such heroism on the part of the working class and the peasantry. This was all possible because in the history of the world there had never before been a state that was actually controlled by the working class.

All matters did not proceed smoothly in this period of socialist construction. The more the power of the working class became consolidated, the more determined the efforts of the enemies, both internal and external, became. The international bourgeoisie looked upon the growing strength of the Soviet Union as a threat to the capitalist system. As a result, they did all that they could to undermine the new state. But the Soviet government refused to be intimidated by these attempts to undermine it and repulsed the attacks of the imperialists.

Internally, the Trotskyites continued in their efforts to split and wreck the Party. Despite the Party decision that forbade the formation of factions in the Party, the Trotskyites united with the Zinovievites



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The stand the PLA has taken towards waging class struggle in internal affairs has also been upheld internationally.

## In Combat Against Modern Revisionism

Historically, the PLA has defended and upheld the great teachings of Marxism-Leninism against attacks by all shades of revisionism. As far back as 1942, the PLA struggled against Titoite revisionism, when Tito proclaimed a special Yugoslav third road or new brand of socialism. In the 1960's, a period of deep ideological and political disagreements, the PLA shouldered the responsibility to defend Marxism-Leninism against Khrushchevite revisionism. With great revolutionary courage the PLA openly criticized the incorrect line of the Soviet revisionists concerning major question of principle, like the revisionist theory of the dying down of class struggle.

At a time when the Khrushchevite revisionists were trying to split

the communist movement with their attacks on the Communist Party of China, the PLA supported the CPC, thus upholding genuine Marxist-Leninist unity. During this whole period, the PLA never made a concession over principle and refused to follow the Khrushchevite line.

Today, the PLA is continuing the glorious tradition of Marxism-Leninism. As the general crisis of capitalism has deepened, new shades of opportunism have emerged, especially the anti-Leninist "theory of the three worlds". The PLA has never promoted this viewpoint. Last year at the 7th Party Congress, Comrade Enver Hoxha brilliantly summed up the current international situation as a part of his report. This historic report reaffirmed the Leninist teachings about the nature of imperialism and combated deviations from it.

Comrade Enver Hoxha correctly reaffirmed the role of the proletariat as the maker of history and the main force of revolution. By playing a leading role in this struggle

against modern day opportunism, the PLA is providing correct Marxist-Leninist leadership to the international proletariat in the battle for socialist revolution.

The PLA has also aided the international proletariat by actively helping build genuine communist parties. The PLA has greatly enriched the Marxist-Leninist teachings on the role and life of the party thus providing a real guide to other parties. On the international air waves, Radio Tirana is a clear voice of Marxism-Leninism providing a correct viewpoint on matters of importance to the world's proletariat. The PLA has also promoted and participated in internationalist rallies, distributing materials from many parties that are underground in their own countries and in many other ways has materially aided the formation and growth of the vanguard of the international proletariat.

It has been 36 years since the founding of the PLA. Since that time the Party has achieved many victories and has played a leading role in the international workers movement. The road has been full of twists and turns and a difficult road to travel. Yet, the PLA has proceeded on the correct path of Marxism-Leninism and not deviated from its course. As a result, today the PLA has won the love and support of people all over the world

because it has been a living example of a genuine communist party in the service of the working class and proletarian revolution worldwide.

There are many today, both the bourgeoisie and the opportunists who want to hide from the working class and oppressed peoples the viewpoint and knowledge of Albania. However, no matter how hard they try, it will not be hidden. It is our task here in the U.S. to continually spread information about Albania and the PLA. We must build strong ties of friendship between the peoples of the U.S. and socialist Albania. It is part of our internationalist duty to build genuine support for the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, for it is a homeland of the working class. Any attack against Albania by the international bourgeoisie is an attack upon the international working class.

On this 36th anniversary of the founding of the PLA and on the 33rd year since the liberation of Albania, the MLOC and the working and oppressed peoples of the U.S. send militant greetings to the Party and the peoples of Albania.

**Long Live the Party of Labor  
of Albania!**

**Long Live the People's Socialist  
Republic of Albania!**

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to form an anti-Party bloc. They professed to follow Party discipline, said they were against splits, and were in unity with the policy of industrialization, yet in actuality this anti-Party bloc was opposed to all of these things. When the Party opened discussion about this activity, the overwhelming majority of Party members were in full support of the Central Committee and rejected the platform of the bloc. However, instead of submitting to the will of the Party, the bloc then proceeded to plan a counter-demonstration for the anniversary of the October Revolution. There no longer was any doubt that the Trotskyites and Zinovievites were now bent on undermining not only the Party, but also the Soviet State, for in the Soviet Union, the Party and the state were inseparable. They could no longer be tolerated in the ranks of the Party, so the Central Committee expelled them.

However, that was not the end to these elements. A short time later they re-applied for admission to the Party. The Party, desiring to give them an opportunity to again work for the working class, reinstated them if they accepted the terms of reinstatement. However, time proved that many of them were double-dealers who were in the service of the imperialists.

Not only did the Party face intense struggle with the Trotskyites and the Zinovievites, but also with the Kulaks and the Bukharinites. When the Party took up the collectivization of the farms, the Kulaks opposed this policy. They refused

to sell their grain surplus to the State; in fact, they hoarded it. The Party knew that the resistance of the Kulaks had to be defeated. The Party put forward the slogan "Rely firmly on the poor peasantry and wage resolute struggle against the Kulaks". Coming to the defense of the Kulaks were the Bukharinites. They put forward that there was no need for the offensive against the Kulaks for the class struggle was subsiding and the class enemy would surrender of its own accord.

The Party declared that this right opportunist view was incompatible with membership in the Party. This resulted in a temporary defeat of the right. Meanwhile, in the countryside the poor and middle peasants rallied to the side of the Party and carried out the struggle against the Kulaks and for the collectivization of the farms. In fact, the peasants were joining the collective farms in whole districts and areas. The middle peasant had joined the collective farm movement. This was the basis for the radical change in the development of agriculture.

### Lessons for Today

One lesson that we learn from this section of the History of the Bolsheviks is about the power of the working class that is unleashed as a result of socialist revolution. Under no other social system that has been in existence has the working class been able to begin to utilize its capabilities. With the overthrow of capitalism, the working

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class is able to develop industry and agriculture to the benefit of the vast majority in society. As a result, in socialist society, the economy develops at an unprecedented rate. Instead of economic crisis, under-utilization of factories, there is a continual development of the productive capabilities. New factories are built, technology is continually improved-upon, and the material well-being of the people is improved. None of this is possible under capitalism because the means of production are privately owned by a small class of parasites to be used for their own benefit at the expense of the vast majority.

The struggle for socialist construction in the Soviet Union was a difficult process as it has been in other socialist countries like Albania and China. However, because the attitude toward labor is totally different than under capitalism, there is an incredible and determined effort to overcome all difficulties. In these struggles the party must play a leading role, setting the example for the class to follow. The party must be in the forefront of the struggle whether it is at the factories, on the farms, or in the state apparatus. In this way the masses learn from the party and the party learns from the masses.

One of the most important lessons that we can learn from this period of socialist construction is that class struggle does not die down of its own accord after the seizure of state power. In fact, it intensifies. The imperialists and their agents both inside and outside of the country will do everything in

their power to destroy socialism.

Also important to understand about this counter-revolutionary activity is that the party is one of the main targets for this wrecking activity to be carried out. The party is the leadership and vanguard of the class struggle both before and after the seizure of state power. This is why it is of primary importance to insure that there is only a single correct line that flourishes within the party. All other tendencies must be thoroughly smashed and rooted out of the Party in order for the working class to have revolutionary leadership.

As was learned later, the Trotskyites were directly in the service of the imperialists to carry out the counter-revolutionary activity within the Party in hopes that they would be able to reverse the tide of socialist revolution.

This is why the Bolsheviks at that time carried out the struggle against the Trotskyites, and all of the other opportunists. History has proven the correctness of the policy of insuring that only a single Marxist-Leninist line prevails. Stalin knew that the lines of the Trotskyites and the other opportunists were the line of the bourgeoisie. For there is no other line of the working class except a Marxist-Leninist line. To allow other lines to flourish in the party is to sign the death warrant of the party.

As we continue to prepare the conditions for the formation of the party of the working class we must remember this lesson well. The hegemony of the working class must be insured in the party by waging sharp class struggle in the ranks of the party against all deviations from Marxist-Leninist principles.



# U.S. Imperialist Tentacles Encircle the Globe ...

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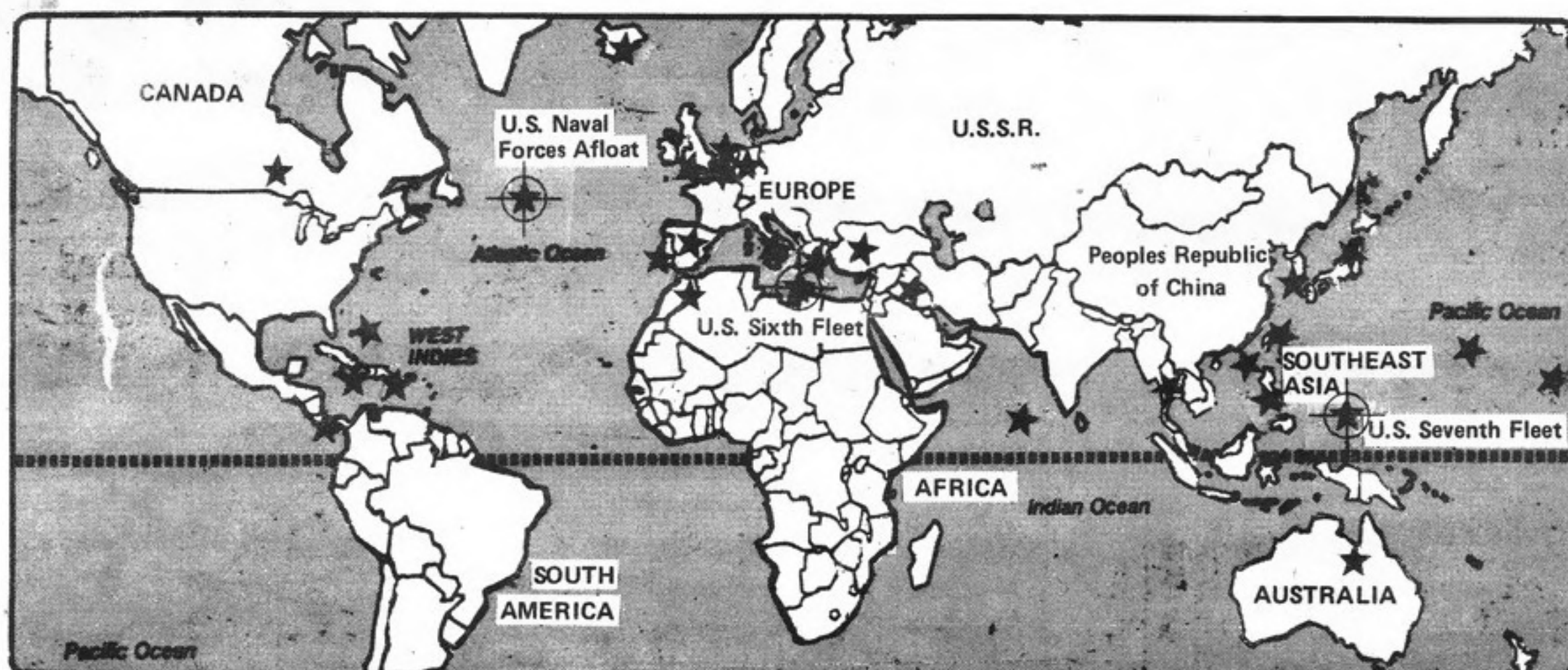
tweens for U.S. imperialism.

It is of no minor significance that all of the non-European countries on Carter's trip are outspoken supporters of the "theory of the three worlds" and leaders of the so-called "non-aligned movement". All have participated in recent non-aligned conferences, and militantly denounce imperialism, colonialism, and neo-colonialism. As part of their theory, they stress the importance of economic independence, now that political independence has been achieved. This, of course, flies in the face of reality. As part of an international capitalist system, real independence for the peoples of these so-called "third world countries" is impossible. Only socialism will guarantee both political and economic independence for the laboring masses.

For the world's peoples, a careful examination of President Carter's trip will expose the bankrupt theory of non-alignment. It will show how all of these "independent" countries are tied by a thousand strings to U.S. imperialism through economic and military aid, joint capital investments, and loans. Carter's trip points to the double-dealing purpose of the theory of non-alignment, and how it serves the reactionary ruling classes of these so-called "third world countries". This theory is nothing but a smoke screen, thrown up in an attempt to confuse and mislead the masses into uniting with and supporting their own reactionary national bourgeoisie, under the pretense of opposing the superpowers. Hucksters and thieves, these reactionaries prey upon the righteous hatred for U.S. imperialism and Soviet social imperialism to deceive the masses.

Careful examination of the trip also exposes the expansionist moves of U.S. capital. Both in the industrially developed nations, and in the less-developed nations of Africa, Asia, and Latin America, U.S. capital is stepping up intervention. This is true in three ways: the export of capital was increased by \$5.6 billion during the period from April to June of this year; \$785 million of foreign aid has been budgeted for 1978 (this is always used in areas where U.S. domination is considered "vulnerable"); and this year the direct export of capital into plants and equipment abroad will total \$29 billion as compared to \$26 billion in 1976.

The major, earth-shaking, world-transforming struggle taking place today is not the fight between the two superpowers, but is, instead, the struggle of the world's exploited and oppressed people for socialism and against capitalism. The harm of the theory of non-alignment must not be underestimated, for it leads the masses away from their major task, the fight against all the vicious forms of imperialism, and for genuine national liberation and socialism. The important lessons to be learned from an evaluation of President Carter's new maneuvers abroad are the increasingly aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism, and the bankruptcy of the theory that true independence is possible without a dictatorship of the proletariat and oppressed classes.



U.S. armed forces are deployed around the globe, occupying foreign territory. In the Pacific and Far East troops are stationed in Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, the Philippines, Guam and Midway Island; in Latin America, Panama, Puerto Rico and Guantánamo; in Europe, West Germany, Britain, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Greece, and the Netherlands; in the Middle East, Turkey and Iran. Other areas include Iceland, Canada, Australia, Bermuda, Morocco and Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The total number of troops are 462,850. Naval forces are 58,300 strong, including the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, the Seventh Fleet in the Pacific Ocean, and other Naval forces afloat in the Atlantic Ocean.

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## Venezuela

Carter flies first to Venezuela, to firm up and to insure continued oil exports and capitalist investments. Venezuela, the second largest country on the South American continent, is one of three non-Arab Organization of Petroleum Exporting (OPEC) countries, and exports vast quantities of oil to the U.S. Just recently, the Venezuelan government took out \$2 billion in loans from several U.S. banks including Citibank of New York, the Mellon Bank, and the Continental Bank of Illinois, for research and development of off-shore oil.

For decades Venezuela has been plundered by U.S. imperialism. Despite the rhetoric of non-alignment spouted by the Venezuelan ruling class, imperialist domination has meant misery and suffering for the masses of the country.

## Brazil

Brazil is the largest country in South America, and a leader in the region. A leader in the non-aligned movement, Brazil's military rulers claim to strive for self-sufficiency, while aiming for great-power status, actively seeking control over other South American countries. The Brazilian government in recent years has made large capital investments in neighboring states, such as Colombia and Peru.

Almost every major imperialist power has investments in Brazil. When the current military regime seized power from the constitutionally elected government in 1964, one of its first acts was to institute the "Agreement of Guarantees". Under this new policy, both national and international corporations were guaranteed unlimited plunder of Brazil's resources. It made life easy for foreign capital, guaranteeing cheap labor and the repression of "social instability".

In order to make these guarantees, the fascist regime intervened in the trade unions, arresting leaders, abolishing job security and seniority. All political parties were outlawed and Congress was shut down.

But the Brazilian people have not stood idly by. The Brazilian working class has a strong Marxist-

Leninist party. The Communist Party of Brazil (M-L) was one of the first, in 1972 and 1973, to expose the incorrectness of the "theory of the three worlds". In August of this year, in *Clase Operaria*, the Central Organ of the Party, they stated: "... the concept of the third world is in crisis. The so-called independence of the majority of these countries was nothing but a passing illusion. Changes have taken place in almost all of them, which have put an end to the alleged anti-imperialism of their governments. They have become still more dependent on international finance capital, including that of the Soviet Union."

As one of the most brutal regimes in the world, the Geisel government has come under world-wide condemnation, in particular, for its torture of political prisoners. It did not take President Carter's phony "human rights" campaign to stir popular opinion against the regime. But he flies to Brazil to smooth over the Brazilian government's outrage over this, and recent U.S. interference which stopped Germany from selling the Geisel government nuclear technology.

## Nigeria

The most populated country in Africa, Nigeria is also an economic and political leader on the continent. Nigeria is the most industrially developed of all Black African nations, with the highest Gross National Product (GNP). Consequently, it has the largest proletariat. Nigeria is also an OPEC country, the second largest oil exporter to the U.S.

Specifically seeking investments in technologically developed areas which will lead to greater industrial development, the Nigerian ruling class has wholeheartedly welcomed foreign capitalist investment. As a recent member of a visiting trade delegation remarked, "the streets of Nigeria are virtually paved with gold" for foreign investors.

Politically, Nigeria has long played the go-between role for U.S. imperialism in Black Africa. There have been some recent rifts between the two nations over the Angolan civil war, and Carter goes to Nigeria, in part, to patch these differences up. But despite squabbles,

Nigeria was the first to call for U.S. intervention in Zimbabwe, once seeing that British attempts were failing to find a "peaceful" solution.

Nigeria, like other "non-aligned" nations, asserts that once political independence is won, only economic independence from superpower control will insure freedom for the countries of the "third world". But the Nigerian ruling class is fearful of the complete liberation of the southern African settler states, because full liberation and socialism would present a serious threat to the capitalist system in Nigeria. Real freedom for the masses of Black Africa is possible only through genuine national liberation and socialism.

## India

Carter's visit to India is a clear attempt to consolidate U.S. imperialism's recent victory with the electoral defeat of the Soviet-backed Indira Gandhi regime. For several years Soviet investments poured into India, developing heavy industry, energy and resources. India, too, is a leading supporter of the non-aligned movement. In fact, Prime Minister Nehru in the early '60's was a leading proponent of non-alignment. Desai has taken up the cry for "third world" independence from superpower domination, but the new government has actively sought ties with U.S. imperialism.

Along with Iran, Indian leaders have stressed peaceful coexistence, and cooperation among capitalists. They have called for eliminating military bases and creating a "zone of peace" in the Indian Ocean. Militarily a strategic area, the question of U.S. military strength in the In-



Nigerian workers in textile mill.



dian Ocean will no doubt be a topic for discussion when Carter arrives in New Delhi.

For the Indian people, the victory of the Janata Party under Desai has meant a victory for reactionary, backward forces. The government fails to back any kind of land reform, and proposes to stop industrialization of the country and instead develop "cottage industries", small scale, labor intensive industries such as textiles and electronics. This means intense exploitation for Indian workers.

The Janata party prides itself on ending the Gandhi regime's reign of fascist terror. Yet today, such terror is alive and well, supported by this new Party. In May of this year, 15 people were murdered in a small village in the Patna district of Bihar by 50 armed men organized by the village landowners. Police knowingly failed to stop this terror; then, along with a parliamentary forum, covered up the facts.

For Asia, India is a strategic country. In terms of its vast population alone, a socialist India would have a tremendous effect upon the revolutionary struggles of the region. For the exploited and oppressed peoples of India, a sharp struggle must be waged against the reactionary Desai regime and superpower intervention.

## iran

Iran has been a long-standing supporter of U.S. imperialism. When the Shah's rule was threatened by a popular democratic movement, the CIA engineered a military coup in 1953. Following the coup, a reign of terror left the streets of the country running with blood.

Iran has the highest rate of political executions in the world. The people of the world have long condemned the Shah's vicious, reactionary regime.

He has been kept in power by U.S. imperialism. Iran purchases massive amounts of military weaponry from the U.S. government. The Iranian capitalist class works for U.S. imperialism, but at the same time has ambitions to gain more power for itself. This is a reflection of the law of competition between capitalists.

The Shah sees Iran becoming a "stabilizing force in the region", seeking to maintain the status quo. Of course, this means maintaining imperialist domination in the Middle East. To carry out this plan, the Shah needs an ever increasing arsenal. Recently there has been resistance by the U.S. Congress to sell weapons to Iran. The Shah has been quite frank. He says he will simply go to the Soviet Union, if the U.S. refuses to sell him arms. Keeping Iran in the pocket of U.S. imperialism is a key goal for the Carter administration.

## france

On the last leg of his trip, Carter flies to Europe. His first stop will be Paris. Both France and Belgium have recently been outspoken critics of NATO's failure to rearm. After a decade of Soviet build-up, the NATO allies find themselves distanced militarily by Soviet imperialism.

Carter will fly to France in order to reaffirm old ties, and discuss ways to strengthen the failing NATO alliance. Wracked by effects of the general crisis, fighting inflation that seems endless, unemployment which continues to rise, France is considered one of the most politically unstable governments in Europe, second only to Italy. Carter is expected to offer support to French President d'Estaing in his upcoming election battle next year with so-called "leftists". This attack on the d'Estaing government comes from the revisionist French Socialist Party and the social-imperialist revisionist Communist Party of France. This struggle in France is between the western capitalists represented by d'Estaing, and the social imperialists, represented by the revisionist "left" parties. Neither offers a solution for the French proletariat. The only way out for the French working class is struggle against their reactionary bourgeoisie and both superpowers.

## belgium

Belgium is a western European capitalist country. Despite strict political neutrality prior to both World War I and II, Belgium was invaded and occupied by the German imperialists in 1914 and again in 1940.

Today, Belgians fear occupation by invading Soviet social imperialist troops if they were to sweep across West Germany into Belgium en route to the North Sea. As a NATO ally, Belgium has recently been a sharp critic of the weakness of the alliance, in particular NATO's failure to rearm adequately enough to repulse a Soviet attack. NATO allies find themselves caught between the need to prepare militarily for a new war, and suffering from the effects of the general crisis. They are hard pressed to finance the billions needed to adequately rearm. On the road to socialist revolution, the working class of all NATO countries must step up opposition to the warmongering NATO alliance.

## poland

Carter's visit to Poland is significant. It marks an attempt by U.S. imperialism to make new inroads into the Eastern revisionist countries so thoroughly dominated by Soviet social imperialism. Poland is a Warsaw Pact country and a member of COMECON (Council on Mutual Economic Assistance).

For some time both France and West Germany have traded and made investments in COMECON countries. Poland has an outstanding debt of \$10 million to Western imperialist countries. Searching for new markets, U.S. imperialism is actively seeking trade and investment among the revisionist countries.

Lacking oil, but rich in coal (it is the fourth largest coal producer in the world), Poland continued research and development of coal when most other countries switched to oil production and research in the 1960's. Consequently, Poland possesses highly developed technology in chemical conversion of coal into gaseous and liquid fuels.

No doubt Carter would like to do all he can to assist the Polish revisionist ruling clique in its attacks on the Communist Party of Poland (M-L), and against the Polish working class. In the struggle against social imperialism, and the social imperialist alliances such as COME-

# Superpowers' Role Exposed in Ethiopia-Somalia Conflict

The present situation in the Horn of Africa is one in which the historical antagonisms between two countries have been heightened and inflamed by the designs of the two superpowers to seek domination. They have openly supplied two military regimes which oppress and exploit their own peoples with arms to conduct this war.

Since mid-July, the two neighboring Horn of Africa countries, Ethiopia and Somalia, have been engaged in a war over a border dispute. The roots of this war lie in the fact that when Africa was originally colonized by the Europeans, the present geographical boundaries were drawn up without regard for tribal or cultural considerations.

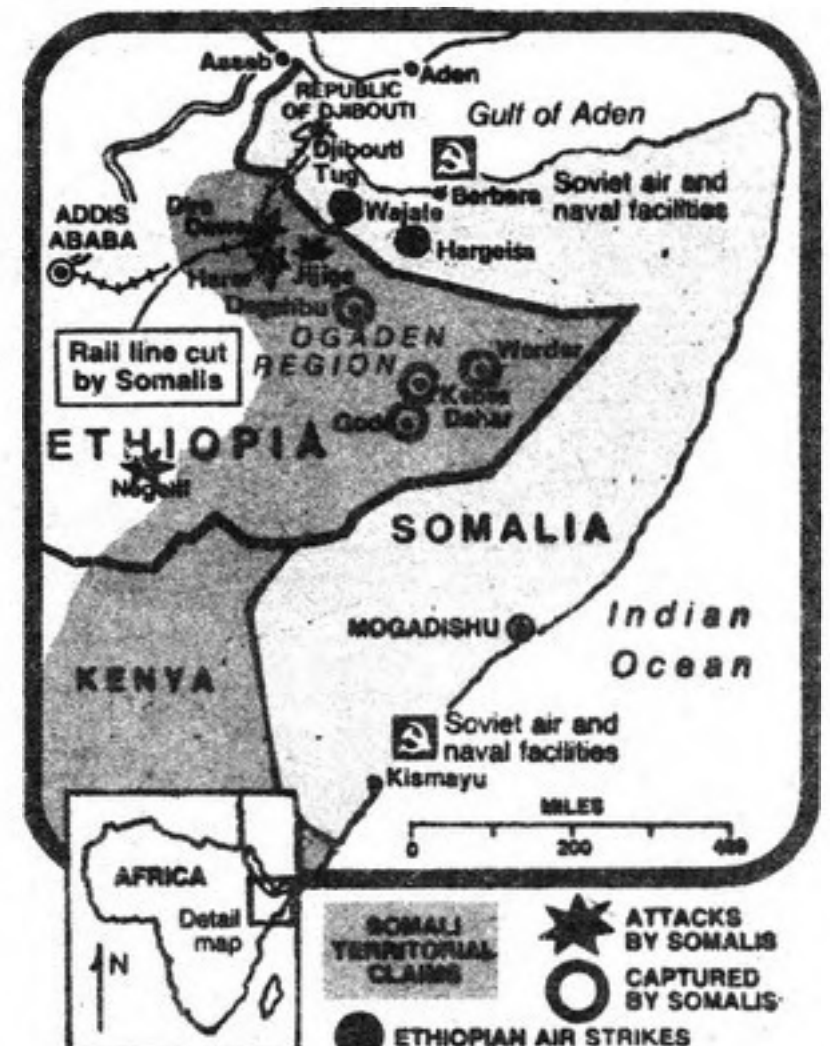
The disputed territory in this border war is the southeast portion of Ethiopia, the Ogaden (O-ga-den) Desert, which is populated by over 90% Somali people. For years the Somalis in the area, supported by Somalia, through the Western Somali Liberation Front, have been waging guerrilla war in an effort to secede from Ethiopia and unite with Somalia. The superpowers care little about the legitimate claims of either party; they seek only to turn every rift to their advantage.

Control of the Horn of Africa is highly valued by both superpowers because it borders the strategic maritime route which connects the oil-rich Middle East with shipping lanes from the Mediterranean Sea to the Indian Ocean. In the event of a world war, whichever superpower controls this shipping lane could control the flow of oil to Europe.

Up until 1974, Ethiopia was clearly a client state of the U.S. The U.S. had been the main supporter and supplier of arms to the Haile Selassie regime, shipping over \$250 million worth of arms since 1953. In exchange for this support, the U.S. was allowed to have a satellite tracking station and docking privileges in Ethiopian-controlled Eritrea.

The U.S.S.R., on the other hand, had been the main supporter of the military regime in Somalia. It has supplied Somalia with \$100 million in military equipment. In exchange, the U.S.S.R. has air and naval facilities in Somalia.

In 1974, the feudal Haile Selassie regime was overthrown by the petty-bourgeois nationalist military in Ethiopia. The military junta, known as the Dergue (durg), proclaimed itself "socialist" and began breaking ties with the western imperialists. The Soviet Union moved quickly to take advantage of this situation and last April offered the Dergue \$100 million in military aid. They also began to pressure their old "ally" Somalia to renounce its claims to the Ogaden Desert.



The new Russian czars then trotted their Cuban lackey, Fidel Castro, to the Horn of Africa to call for a so-called "socialist federation" between Ethiopia, Somalia, and South Yemen. The only purpose of this federation would have been to seal Soviet domination over this strategic area. But Somalia rejected this proposal and exposed Castro for acting as a front-man for Soviet social-imperialism by asking him and his advisors to leave. The U.S. then tried to take advantage of this breach between the U.S.S.R. and Somalia by offering military aid and tacit support for the Somali campaign in the Ogaden Desert.

The outbreak of this war has also revealed a now-familiar scenario first played out in Angola. The Soviet Union has decided that Ethiopia is the more valuable of its "allies" in this instance, and has dispatched Cuban troops and advisors to aid the Ethiopians, while withdrawing them from Somalia. They have attacked the Eritrean liberation movement as an "imperialist plot" to hold back the Ethiopian revolution in a classic example of a thief hollering "stop thief"! But these actions by the Soviet Union only more clearly reveal to the African people and the peoples of the world that social-imperialism is an enemy of national liberation and revolution.

It is the U.S. bourgeoisie and the new czars in the U.S.S.R. who profit from this war by selling arms to the military juntas and swallowing them up into their imperialist network. Regardless of whether Somalia or Ethiopia actually wins the war, the price of victory will include heavy military base concessions to whichever superpower has backed their armies. The African people must expose these imperialist maneuvers and forge unity to drive both superpowers out of Africa.

## SUPERPOWERS OUT OF AFRICA!

sionist ruling clique in its attacks on the Communist Party of Poland (M-L), and against the Polish working class. In the struggle against social imperialism, and the social imperialist alliances such as COME-

CON and the Warsaw Pact, the Polish working class has been the most militant of the revisionist countries. Heightening that struggle is necessary to overthrow the new revisionist bourgeoisie.★



# THE SYNDICALIST FRONTS OF THE RCP

The essence of syndicalism  
preaches forces coming together  
for struggle, but  
steadfastly refusing to lay a real base  
for revolutionary gains.

In its article on the "three worlds" in July REVOLUTION, the Revolutionary Communist Party states that this theory "is an important aspect of the more general world wide united front line." But it certainly is not an aspect of the Marxist-Leninist united front (See "Theory of the 'Three Worlds' Opposes Marxism-Leninism", UNITE!, September 1977).

Nor are the RCP's views entirely in line with those of the other proponents of the opportunist theory of the "three worlds". For example, it is a tenet of most "three world" theorists that the semi-colonial and dependent countries of "the third world" are now the main revolutionary force, and that the second rank imperialist powers of the "second world" are the middle forces to be won over and united with. But the RCP disagrees and states that to make "the struggle of countries the main force in the international struggle...would be in essence to deny that countries are divided into classes and that bourgeois forces rule the non-socialist countries." (REVOLUTION, July 1977, p.5)

How is it that the RCP prides itself on its class stand, but winds up giving its support to the class-liquidating concept of the "three worlds"? There is a great struggle raging over the "three worlds" and it might appear the RCP is taking a centrist stand. But this is not really the basis of the RCP's line on the "three worlds". Their position arises from the RCP's deep-seated syndicalism that reduces the strategy of the proletariat to spontaneous struggle.

Their concept of the united fronts are not the principled coalitions with concrete, if sometimes limited, objectives that Marxist-Leninists strive to build in order to push the whole revolution forward. Unlike the Anti-Japanese United Front in China, or the United Front

Against Fascism that involved hard fought for alliances, the united fronts of the RCP are formless and without real substance.

The RCP writes, "... the united front is not One Big Organization. It is not a static thing. Forces, representing different classes and class viewpoints, come together around particular struggles — against imperialist aggression, cutbacks in social services, police repression, rising prices and other questions. Each class brings to this struggle its own ideology, and conflict goes on between opposing class outlooks—over who to identify as the enemy, who to rely on, who to unite with, etc." (RCP Program, page 96.)

To take a now notorious example, forces, from different classes came together, in the RCP's sense, against the busing plan in Boston. Was this a united front? Certainly it was not a Marxist-Leninist united front. The KKK and the Nazi's, true enough, had brought their own ideology and their own identification of the enemy. But for the RCP, these questions were apparently secondary to their coming together to struggle against "forced busing."

Objectively, and on the RCP's terms for a united front, they formed a united front with the KKK and the Nazi's, although in other places and other times they have physically struggled against them. **A chief characteristic of the RCP's fronts is that they are based upon no principles and no binding commitments between parties.**

Here in the U.S. we witnessed this kind of syndicalist front in the RCP's 1976 election campaign for Sadlowski in steel. In exchange for active RCP support, Sadlowski, in return, had to make no commitment.

Around African Liberation Day, we again saw the same syndicalist pattern. The RCP adamantly resisted the organization of a unifi-

ed leadership body to guide the program or the march. Far from uniting all that could be united on specific principles, the RCP took it on itself to throw one group of Iranian Students out of the ALD march, because of the favored status of another group.

Now on the international scale, the RCP is actually upholding simultaneous warfare among all parts of their so-called united front against imperialism. The RCP places the imperialists of the second rank powers as part of the target of the united front. Against the rulers of both the "second world" and the non-socialist part of the "third world" the RCP calls for armed struggle. At the same time they talk of uniting with these very forces against the superpowers. But in what sense is there a united front? The RCP's support reduces itself to on-the-side-lines clapping over the conflicts between the second rank imperialists and the two superpowers. No wonder the other opportunist supporters of the "three worlds", who are attempting to build their incorrect united fronts, find the RCP support tainted.

The essence of syndicalism preaches forces coming together for struggle but steadfastly refuses to lay a real base for revolutionary gains. In the first part of this century, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) attempted to rally the working class behind the syndicalist banner. The strategy and tactics of Marxism-Leninism partially developed as a conscious repudiation of the worship of the spontaneous movement.

What is missing in the RCP's analysis and in their practice are concrete plans on how to use these conflicts or contradictions strategically or tactically in the interests of the proletariat.

Because for the RCP spontaneity rules, they make no attempt to really sort out the importance of the class contradictions. The RCP sees the contradictions, not as the basis of the strategy of the working class, but as the way to find out where the action is. This is why the glaring contradictions between their various fronts pose really no problem for the RCP. This is also why they can provide no solutions to the proletariat.

The RCP is a revisionist party, not a Marxist-Leninist party. Its fronts are syndicalist theaters of war, not the principled, united fronts of the proletariat and its allies.★



## Joint Statement of "Zimbabwe African National Union" and

## "Confederation of Iranian Students" (CIS)

*In support of the struggle of the people of Zimbabwe against the fascist Ian Smith regime and imperialist reaction, UNITE! reprints excerpts from this important joint statement by the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) and the Confederation of Iranian Students (CIS). Victory to the people of Zimbabwe! Long live proletarian internationalism!*

In Southern Africa the people of Zimbabwe are struggling against the illegal and racist regime of Ian Smith, one of the most notorious regimes in the world. This struggle, which is a revolutionary people's armed struggle, has deep roots among the Zimbabwean people. The just struggle of the Zimbabwean people has gained the solidarity and support of many countries and of the people of the world....

The revolutionary forces have liberated one third of Zimbabwe from under the yoke of the illegal and racist regime of Ian Smith and in another third of the country armed struggle is being carried out. ...

The imperialists, particularly the two superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, try to block the invincible onward march of the New Democratic Revolution in Zimbabwe. U.S. imperialism tries to save its vested interests in Zimbabwe by depicting itself as the defender of

the so-called "black majority rule". The other superpower, the Soviet Union, depicts itself as the "friend and natural ally" of the peoples of Southern Africa and is plotting to extend its influence to replace U.S. imperialism. But the people of Zimbabwe are aware of these conspiracies.

The people of Zimbabwe do not want to replace Ian Smith with new masters. The decadent plots of the two superpowers and all other imperialists to turn Zimbabwe into a new colony will be crushed. ....

While the imperialist and reactionary regimes, such as the puppet regime of Mohammad Reza Shah, the main supplier of oil to the fascist Ian Smith regime, spare no efforts to preserve the exploitation and domination of the imperialists, the peoples of the world, including the people of Iran, stand in everlasting solidarity with the fraternal people of Zimbabwe and will forever remain by their side and support their revolution.

The heroic people of Zimbabwe are on the verge of a historic victory. At a time when the armed national liberation movement of Zimbabwe is powerfully surging forward, international solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe plays an important role. The Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) and the Confederation of Iranian Students (CIS), in March, 1977, held a meeting

and decided to launch an extensive joint campaign in the U.S., Germany, Canada, England, France, Italy, Belgium, and Sweden, to defend and support the Zimbabwean people and their revolutionary organization, ZANU.

This campaign will consist of solidarity meetings in which ZANU representatives will participate, and of fund-raising campaigns to buy a land-rover and also campaigns to collect clothing and medicine. The ZANU and the CIS, on the basis of this joint statement, invite all anti-imperialist anti-fascist, anti-racist, and democratic-minded forces who defend the just cause of the Zimbabwean people to participate in and support the campaign in defense of Zimbabwe which will take place in the month of October 1977.

**Down with the Fascist Ian Smith Regime!  
Long Live the Friendship Between the Iranian  
People and the People of Zimbabwe!**

Send your contributions to:  
ZANU Support Fund Acct. No. 83-521  
The Amalgamated Bank of New York  
11-15 Union Square, N.Y., N.Y. 10003

During October events where held in Chicago, Washington, D.C., Berkeley, N.Y., and Montreal.





Mexicanos (above) apprehended at the border. Just recently the fascist KKK announced it will "patrol the border" to help the INS, rallying to the defense of imperialism.

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workers are accused of causing every social evil. Portrayed as "invaders", they are accused of creating unemployment, causing crime and bringing the drug problem into the U.S. Increasingly, TV, newspaper and magazine headlines scream out "border crisis", "hidden invasion" and "aliens out of control".

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) estimates that there are between eight and twelve million undocumented workers in the U.S. Of these, 60% are from Mexico. Mexico currently has a foreign debt of 25 billion dollars, half of it owed to the U.S. Unemployment in Mexico is estimated at 40% - 50%. Large scale mechanized farming by U.S. controlled agribusiness has forced millions of Mexican peasants off their land.

As long as the U.S. or any other imperialism holds Mexico in economic bondage, and the U.S. runaway shops continue to offer jobs at starvation wages, Mexican workers will head north to find work. Their choice is emigrate or starve.

And what has Jimmy Carter, spokesman for "human rights and dignity" offered to these people. Carter offered a so-called Amnesty Program which is clearly a mixture of poisoned carrots and sticks.

All documented workers who have resided continuously in the U.S. on or before January 1, 1970 can apply for permanent resident status. This status can lead to full citizenship in five years.

All undocumented workers who have lived in the U.S. before January 1, 1977 and who register with the INS, will be granted temporary resident status for five years. They can be issued work permits, but cannot receive Medicaid, food stamps or other government benefits. During this five-year period, a final decision will be made about their legal status.

All undocumented workers arriving after January 1, 1977 will be deported upon apprehension.

Measures will also be taken to "increase existing border enforcement efforts." A minimum of 2000 additional border patrol agents will be placed on the Mexican border.

The proposal also makes it unlawful to hire undocumented workers, with enforcement by the Justice Department against employers who engage in a pattern or practice of such hiring. These penalties would be civil and fines up to \$1,000 per worker.

These two aspects of Carter's proposal will be met with serious opposition from agribusiness and fac-

tory owners who have made it a practice to hire undocumented workers because their "illegal" status allows them to be exploited beyond that of "legal" workers.

Finally, a fool-proof, forge proof identification card was proposed. While lately, Carter and his flunkies have denied that it will be part of the program a National "work card" ID, hooked up to a computerized system, is clearly part of an attack on the entire working class. Through this system, the government could easily keep track of all workers and use it to locate, blacklist or harass militant leaders of the class.

Carter's program clearly offers nothing for the Latino masses but continued and continuous harassment. The reign of terror perpetrated by la Migra will surely increase. Latinos will also experience increased difficulties in gaining employment because of the "fear" of hiring "illegals".

For the few who can apply for permanent resident status, Carter's plan is merely recognition of reality. Having survived for over seven years without documents, they would strongly resist any attempt to deport them. For the others, there are vague promises and strict control, and the continued threat of apprehension for the rest.

Carter's program comes as a response to the increasing layoffs of U.S. workers. Along with the campaign to blame these layoffs on foreign imports, blame is also being laid on "illegal workers". But once again, the blame is placed on the wrong doorstep. Capitalism is in a deep crisis, and the layoffs come as a result of this, and not foreign workers "stealing the jobs".

Historically, whenever the capitalists have needed a surplus of workers the border guards closed their eyes to the Mexican workers crossing into the U.S. Undocumented workers were readily hired to work low paying, hard and menial jobs. The capitalists did not have to fear resistance from these workers because of the constant threat of deportation. And finally, when the capitalists no longer needed the labor power of these workers, they could simply call on la Migra to have the workers rounded up and deported. Thus they escaped having to pay unemployment and last paychecks, a convenient and profitable arrangement.

The capitalists, now in a deepening crisis know that with the increasing impoverishment of the U.S. working class, there will be increasing resistance. In an attempt to divert the anger of the working class away from the capitalist system itself, they point the finger at

the undocumented worker. They hope to whip up national chauvinism to divide the working class and thereby destroy its fighting ability.

In a desperate attempt to place this rapidly escalating crisis onto the backs of the international working class, the bourgeoisie is encouraging the growth of fascism. Increased border guards, national ID's, and the denial of rights to undocumented workers demonstrate this trend. "Fascism is the open, terroristic dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist and most imperialist elements of finance capital."

For the undocumented workers and Latino communities, fascist attacks which already exist, will increase. For undocumented workers there are no rights. They are denied their right to earn a living, denied social services and education for their children that they have earned through paying taxes. Families are broken up, workers are dragged from their machines and their beds without adherence to

constitutional rights.

How can these vicious, chauvinist attacks be countered? We oppose Carter's amnesty plan and instead put forward demands which are in the interests of the working class. The working class must call for complete democratic rights for all undocumented workers. This would include a call for an immediate end to deportations and the granting of legal status and the right to U.S. citizenship. We demand the dismantling of the INS police apparatus. We must also take up the struggle for guarantees of social services, unemployment compensation and education for all workers.

Taking up this struggle is a part of our internationalist duty; it will also greatly strengthen us in the fight against the rapidly escalating fascist attacks by the capitalist class. We must stand together in the fight for the rights of undocumented workers.

"The Working Men Have No Country" - Marx

Undocumented workers arrested at work near Chicago (right), are bused across the border, broke and hungry, far from their families in the U.S., and still hundreds of miles from relatives in Mexico.



## OVERTURN THE BAKKE DECISION!

The U.S. Supreme Court is now hearing the case of the University of California v. Bakke. It is a significant trial for the working class and all oppressed people. The case stems from a California Supreme Court ruling, appealed by the University of California, which upheld Allan Bakke's claim that his constitutional rights were violated when he was denied admission to medical school. Minority students with lower entrance exam scores were admitted to the school. Bakke claims that this was a case of "reverse discrimination".

For the working class and oppressed nationalities and women, the significance of the case lies in the effect it will have on minorities' and women's right to claim special compensation for decades of discrimination. It will effect not only education, but job hiring and job promotion practices known as "affirmative action".

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 stated that it was unconstitutional to discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, or national origin. In order to compensate for past discrimination, many states passed laws requiring businesses and schools to adopt policies of "affirmative action" to actively recruit and hire minorities and women.

A Supreme Court decision upholding Bakke's claim would open the door for these schools and businesses to legally discriminate once again. It was a result of militant struggle by workers, national minorities and women

that such reforms were passed. It will only be through continued militant struggle that they will remain law.

The MLOC supports such reforms, as a means to better the living and working conditions of all working and oppressed people, and for strengthening the fighting ability of the entire class in its struggle against capitalism.

We demand that the Bakke decision be overturned. We demand full democratic rights for all people, and support special programs which help to ensure these rights.

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## from Dawson, Georgia ...



Johnny Jackson, right, and his brother James Jr.

## AN INTERVIEW WITH Johnny Jackson

OF THE DAWSON 5

**UNITE!** Johnny could you give our readers a little background on yourself?

**Jackson:** I got as far as the tenth grade in school. I am able to read and write. I left school to help support the family. My father needed more help to bring in money. I played football in school at Terrell High School. When I left school I did farm work. I went to work for Mr. Hastey a big farmer west of town. He paid me \$7 a day. I worked all day for five days a week, sometimes six days a week. After that I worked for the Sasser Seed Co. for \$2.10 an hour and that was hard work. I've done some cotton picking too.

**UNITE!** Why do you think you and the other four young men were framed on this murder charge?

**Jackson:** Because we were the only people they could easily put it on. We told them (the police) that we were out totting water for the Watsons when the man was killed, and they wouldn't believe us. I never thought things were so bad in Terrell County until this thing came up. I thought that lynching and stuff was over and gone. Then they throw us in that jail, locked us up, and I didn't know what was going to happen.

**UNITE!** How were the conditions in the jail?

**Jackson:** The food was bad. You only got fed twice a day: 8:30 and 11:30. After that you just went hungry. You couldn't get exercise. It wasn't until we were in for 14 or 15 months that they let us out to get some exercise. Rest of the time we were locked up in the cell. In the winter it got real cold; you had to stay in bed with your clothes on to keep warm. They wouldn't let us have any newspapers, they got mad when they saw stories about us in the newspapers. But we got some. Some of the trustees gave us some papers.

**UNITE!** Why did the court release you on bond?

**Jackson:** They were scared knowing that they got us locked up for nothing. The publicity and protest put pressure on them, they saw they were coming out on the losing end of the stick. So they let us out but kept the charges on us. Now they trying to do it in a sly way. We want to have our trial over and done with. As it stands now the court can bring up something on us later. We are not really free yet. I went to get a job at the rubber plant and they wouldn't hire me because of this case.

**UNITE!** Who do you think is mainly responsible for suffering and the oppression of all Black people?

**Jackson:** It's the rich whites, they have all the land and they lay back while the Blacks do all the work. I think the Black people should come together and fight for their rights.

**UNITE!** What do you think it will take to really free the Dawson 5?

**Jackson:** People must keep on struggling for us and rest of the Black people and poor whites.

**UNITE!** Have you heard about the Gary Tyler case?

**Jackson:** Yes. I heard about the Scottsboro and Wilmington 10 case too. I'm trying to find out more about them. I say to Gary Tyler, keep strong and keep on going.

**UNITE!** Do you have anything else to say?

**Jackson:** I'd like to thank the support committee and Unite! for helping in the struggle to free the Dawson 5.

## SCOTSDALE COMMUNITY UNITES AGAINST POLICE REPRESSION

*Scottdale, Georgia* — On August 31 in the predominately Black, Atlanta suburb of Scottdale, Georgia, a police officer, with his gun drawn, chased a youth through a crowded community center. The police officer was in the area supposedly to look for a "burglary suspect" but he took off after the first youth that he saw, chased him down and held a gun to his head. Mrs. Ruby Huff, a counselor at the Scottdale Recreation Center, criticized the officer for his reckless actions. The response of the police officer was to arrest Mrs. Huff, charging her with battery and obstructing an officer. Following Mrs. Huff's arrest, a large crowd gathered and the police called in reinforcements including nine police cars and a police helicopter.

Community response to the incident was swift. A large meeting was held where people in the community condemned the actions of the police, called for the officer's suspension and for Black police officers to patrol the Black community. At this meeting the police department tried to play both sides. They admitted that the officer's actions were probably not the best judgement. The youth that was originally charged was released. However, the police department refused to suspend the officer and instead just transferred him to another beat. The police also stated that the department would not consider assignments simply on the basis of race. This, it said, would be a "step backwards . . . a retreat to the policies of the 40's and 50's."

Although the police investigation showed that Mrs. Huff was falsely accused of interfering with the officer, a month later, on October 3, Mrs. Huff was brought to trial on the original charges.

This incident is a clear example of the police brutality which is all too common throughout the Black Belt Nation. The case of Mrs. Huff points out the lengths to which the state will go to harass those who stand up to oppose the murderous actions of the police.

It's no coincidence that such an incident should happen in Scottdale. Scottdale is controlled by the Scott family who owns two cotton mills in the town which employ 1000 workers. The family also controls a large part of the real estate in the area. The Scott family has done everything in its power to keep "their" workers in slave conditions — wages are rock bottom and unions have been successfully

and viciously opposed. National and sexual divisions among the workers are actively promoted. Working conditions at the mills are very bad. This includes high levels of cotton dust, noise and slave-driving "overseers".

The city government of Scottdale has never had any Black elected officials, even though the town is predominately Black. This was first done by simply not allowing Blacks to vote. Then, with the Federal voting legislation of the 1960's, the city voting districts were gerrymandered so that Blacks don't have a voting majority in any of the four city districts.

These examples point to the lengths to which the ruling class has gone in order to suppress the working and oppressed people in Scottdale and all across the Black Belt South. But the community struggle around this incident shows that where there is oppression their will always be resistance. The whole working class must take up the struggle for democratic rights, such as the right to one's own elected officials, the right to unionization, and the struggle against police repression. It is only through the united struggle of both Black and white workers that victory will finally be won. ★

## ain't capitalism

Saw Olivia  
in the locker room today,  
Said she couldn't come tonight  
'cause she had to see the D.A.  
about the man who killed her brother.  
Shot him in the back  
last December.

Saw Slim  
by the gate this afternoon,  
& thought he looked kind of down, eyes red  
around the rim.  
He said, yeah,  
he was on his way to his sister's funeral.  
Just waiting for Willie  
to go with him.  
She got shot  
on Sunday.

O sure  
you can say the individual  
did it,  
that he's  
responsible. So what if he had  
lost his wife, his job, his —  
whatever.  
Maybe it was even that  
he was just one mean nigger.  
But



# FEUDAL REMNANTS AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION



*Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana* — Plaquemines Parish spreads for a hundred miles down the winding Mississippi River, from New Orleans all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. The parish may seem isolated and rural, but within its boundaries lies some of the richest oil deposits in Louisiana, as well as what's said to be the world's largest sulphur cone. For fifty years, until his death in 1969, the parish was "ruled" by one man: Leander Perez. Perez, using his positions as judge, district attorney, and Parish Control Commission Chairman (two of these posts are currently held by his sons) amassed a fortune of several million dollars, mainly in oil.

Plaquemines Parish has a long and brutal history of attacks on the democratic rights of Blacks and workers, once led by the racist Perez and now carried on by his family and cronies. Throughout his lifetime, Perez gave hatemongering speeches in favor of segregation. He was behind the Dixiecrat movement and was responsible for the adoption of countless Jim Crow measures. In 1960, Perez banned library services to Blacks, ordering any book that described Black Americans in a positive manner removed from the shelves, as well as any book with a progressive viewpoint. In 1964, CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) and other groups struggling for democratic rights in the

South planned to conduct voter registration drives in Plaquemines. Perez's response was to order that Fort St. Phillip, (a decaying, 200 year-old, mosquito-infested fort on the river which was only accessible boat) be readied to lock up any demonstrators. In 1965, his response to federal voter registrars coming into Plaquemines was to go on local television and harangue the unregistered white voters to register in order to out-number the Black voters and "avoid the curse of a second Reconstruction". In a parish that is 40 - 50% Black, there has never been a Black elected or appointed to any significant post.

Today in Plaquemines, close watch over the working class is maintained by the Perez family, by requiring that workers obtain itinerant labor cards. These cards are required by the parish to be obtained by every worker by his/her 30th day of employment.

The origins of these cards points

to Perez's complete control of industry in Plaquemines. He would accept the development of industry on two basic grounds: that it could personally enrich him and that it would not bring a flood of "outsiders", who may not go along with "the way things were" in Plaquemines. By doing so, tight control is kept over the working class, and Plaquemines population has remained relatively small. These cards are also utilized by the FBI as well as parish police. (Recently, at a pipeline company in Plaquemines, an FBI helicopter swooped down and arrested three workers.) As is the case throughout the Black Belt South, few workers have the basic democratic right of a union at their workplace. No wonder. In the recent past, union organizers have been threatened with arrest for even being in Plaquemines.

The upsurge for democratic rights in the 1960's eventually did better some of the rotten conditions

faced by the people of Plaquemines. But those were only partial reforms. As long as the Perez family (who are descendants of plantation owners) and their accomplices continue their rule, real self-determination for the people of Plaquemines can never be achieved. The national and class oppression faced by Blacks and workers from this tiny white ruling class may seem unusually harsh. But conditions such as these can be found throughout the Black Belt South. This is why we must link the struggle in Plaquemines to the call for self-determination for the Black Belt Nation. **Only by the building of multi-national unity into a strong, revolutionary force will the people of Plaquemines and all people of the Black Belt be able to gain control of their lives and resources.**

**Self-determination for the  
Black Belt Nation!**

**cryin' ... yet.**

anyway you say it one thing  
you can be sure of

it was  
Capitalism  
bought the bullets  
Capitalism  
bought the gun  
Capitalism  
brought them together and pulled  
the trigger.

And one more thing  
you can be sure of

ain't  
Capitalism crying  
for its dead;  
ain't  
Capitalism  
on trial for its life;  
ain't  
Capitalism  
behind bars forever;  
ain't  
Capitalism lying  
cold in its grave

yet. ... from a correspondent.

## VICTORY WON FOR BENNIE LENARD!

Bennie Lenard has been acquitted of all but one of the charges against him, which included battery, resisting arrest and possession of a loaded weapon. He will be sentenced on the remaining trumped up charge, having an open beer can in his car, on November 10.

In a statement after the verdict was released, Lenard thanked all who had supported him and had stood up for the rights of a working class man.

The case of Lenard has been a crucial lesson for the working class. It was only because of the mass support built for him that the charges were dropped. Thousands of working class and oppressed people are railroaded by the capitalist system of justice every year because they lack mass support. The police never thought that this man would be different. They never thought that the charges brought against him or the inconsistencies in their report would be challenged.

But the case of Bennie Lenard was different. This was not going to be another case of a Black man beaten by the police, and put away in jail for years on trumped up charges. Support was built for him in unions and in the community, and this support proved to be crucial. Without it, Lenard would most likely be in jail today.

In comparison to the major battles which lies ahead, the victory for Bennie Lenard is a small one. Yet it is significant because of the lesson that it contains. We must apply this lesson to all of our

struggles. The unity of the working class is a force which the capitalist class fears, for one day this powerful force will smash for-

ever the entire capitalist system ★

Bennie Lenard (below left) leaving the courthouse during a demonstration held by supporters.



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# COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

## Workers' Movement

**PORTUGAL** — Fierce clashes between Portuguese peasants and the Soares government police have been erupting in the countryside and provincial towns, as peasants resist the attempts of the reactionary bourgeoisie to reverse land reforms won during the 1975 anti-fascist upsurge.

In Evora, peasants staged a demonstration against the measures recently taken by the Soares government to reverse the land reforms. The paramilitary Republican Guard attacked the demonstrators but the peasants resisted this attack and injured forty guards. Clashes have also been reported between the Republican Guard and peasants during attempts made by the gendarmes to clear the peasants off the land they had expropriated from the big landlords.

The Communist Party of Portugal (Reconstituted) has supported the efforts of the peasants to defend their gains and to continue their struggle. Upholding the principle that the peasantry and small farmers are the reliable ally of the proletariat, in its revolutionary struggle, the CPP (Reconstituted) is organizing the poor peasants and landless agricultural workers under the Banner LAND TO THE TILLER!

**COLOMBIA** — For several months, a powerful movement of strikes and demonstrations has been raging in Colombia. Hundreds of thousands of workers have gone on strike to demonstrate against the Colombian bourgeoisie and their U.S. imperialist patrons. All the efforts of the reactionary bourgeoisie to smash this movement have failed.

On September 14, a general strike was called by the four major labor federations to force the government to accede to wage increases. This strike, which was extremely successful, was met with by violent reaction and the arrest and continued harassment of workers.

The struggle of the Colombian people is being led by the Communist Party of Colombia (Marxist-Leninist). In the countryside, where the peasants already have experience of armed struggle, the armed wing of the party, the People's Army of Liberation, is leading the struggle. The masses of workers, peasants and students is a strong revolutionary force, and the clashes they are waging against reaction is raising their fighting ability.

**HONDURAS** — In Honduras, more than 70% of the population works in agriculture. But the land is in the hands of a few landowners and poor peasants are savagely exploited by local and foreign capitalists. This situation has led to an intensification of the struggle for land.

In Cortes and Okotepecue provinces, thousands of armed peasants attacked the plantations demanding that the land be given to the tiller.

In other provinces, the peasants organized demonstrations and protest meetings demanding the return of their land which was forcibly expropriated by the landowners. They are also demanding an end to the exploitation of the natural resources by foreign monopolies which have penetrated into the agriculture of Honduras.

## National Liberation

**PUERTO RICO** — Andres Figueroa Cordero, one of five Puerto Rican patriots held for over 20 years in U.S. Federal Prisons, has finally been freed. Cordero is suffering from terminal cancer and has undergone three major operations. On March 1, 1954, Cordero, Irvin Flores, Rafael Miranda, and Lolita Lebron attacked the U.S. Congress to demand independence for Puerto Rico.

Cordero considers his release a victory for the Puerto Rican national struggle. He still insists that Puerto Rico can only be freed by the bullet and strongly supports all the international socialist movements.

The entire U.S. working class should demand the immediate release of the remaining patriots still in prison.



**ERITREA** — On October 12, the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Army scored a significant victory over the fascist Ethiopian regime and the imperialists which back it. On the road between Asmara and Massawa, the EPLA defeated an entire battalion of enemy troops. 260 trucks were destroyed and 40 captured; seven East German armored cars were destroyed and three captured, and 500 light and heavy pieces of artillery were captured.

Arms to the Ethiopian regime are being supplied by East Germany, Russia, and Yugoslavia. Cuban and Israeli troops are in the service of the Ethiopian regime.

The increased build-up of the Ethiopian forces speaks to the strength of the liberation forces and the weakness of fascism, but it also speaks to the increased imperialist contention in this area.

The Eritrean people are determined that one fascist control over Eritrea will not be substituted for another. This victory is another significant step along the road to liberation.

**MOZAMBIQUE** — Troops of the fascist Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia launched another invasion of Mozambique in late September. Mozambique military units and civilian militia fought off a land and air assault on civilian areas, including Chicualacuala and Mapai. A Rhodesian land assault was supported by mortar fire and bomber and fighter planes.

The Smith regime has recently stepped up its terrorist raids against neighboring Zambia also. Both Mozambique and Zambia have pledged to resist these attacks and continue their support of the just struggle of the Zimbabwean people.

## Socialist Construction

**KOREA** — On September 9, the people of Korea joyously celebrated the 29th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Shortly after the founding of the DPRK, the freedom-loving Korean people were forced to carry out resolute struggle against U.S. aggression to defend their fatherland. Led by the Korean Workers' Party, they resolutely waged people's war, heroically defended the people's power in the DPRK, and finally forced U.S. imperialism to withdraw south of the 38th parallel.

Today, the entire working people in the northern half of the republic are upholding the three banners of ideological revolution, technical revolution and cultural revolution to create new upsurges of socialist construction on all fronts.

But in the face of continuous U.S. interference in their internal affairs, the Korean people are continuing their just struggle to defend the DPRK, drive U.S. troops from the south, realize the reunification of their homeland and win victories for the cause of Communism.

**KAMPUCHEA** — Phnom Penh workers have built many new industrial plants, including a shipyard, an acid works, an automobile repair plant and a machine tool plant. They have also repaired and enlarged a number of factories like the No. 3 Textile Mill and a rubber processing factory which were severely damaged during the war.

Pumps, shellers, rice transplanters, crushers and other machines turned out by the machine tool plant are warmly welcomed by the agricultural cooperatives.

Most factory workers served in the revolutionary army during the war. Through studying hard in the factories, they are acquiring technical skills. They have done all this in the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and hard work for the prosperity of their country.

**LAOS** — The incidence of many common diseases has been reduced in Laos. A special medical research meeting was convened recently by the Lao Ministry to do away with Blackwater Fever, a disease which greatly harms the people's health. Medical workers succeeded in finding the cause of the disease and effective measures were instituted in Vientiane (capital) hospitals to bring it under control.

Medical teams have been sent to rural areas and mountain regions to inoculate the masses against dysentery, cholera and malaria. Medical teams also teach hygienic knowledge, mobilize the people to kill mosquitoes and flies and unfolded a mass campaign to encourage cleanliness.

Thirty village hospitals have been built and 120 doctors were trained in Vientiane and Savannakhet provinces. In Laos, the people's health has rapidly improved since the imperialists were thrown out of the country.

